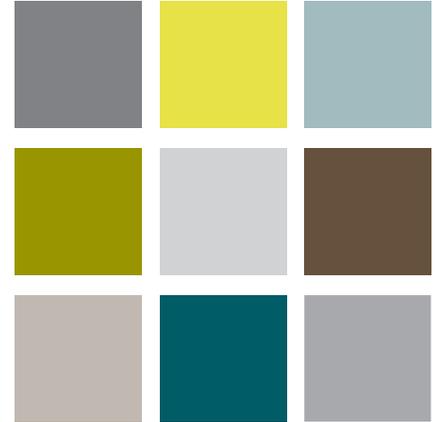


# Multi-State Woodland Owner Meetings

## Impact Statement



### SUMMARY

Multi-state, regional Extension meetings for private woodland owners are important in delivering a quality educational program. These programs have the means of being able to utilize the expertise of Extension professionals from three different states to deliver a diverse program that better meets the woodland owners' needs than one state and their limited resources can offer.

### SITUATION

In Ohio, a third of the state is in forest cover and over 86% of the forested acreage is privately owned. These individuals have the potential to have a very significant impact on our forest products industry – an industry that currently contributes \$22.4 billion to Ohio's economy including \$9 billion in value-added. Along with potential impacts on forest products are those industries that rely on forest related recreational opportunities (including hunting and fishing).

### RESPONSE

SENR Extension professionals have joined forces with their Extension colleagues from the University of Kentucky, and Purdue University in offering at least one annual woodland owner educational event that offers a diverse group of topics. Woodland owners have an unlimited list of reasons why they own their woodland and what they want to manage that woodland acreage for. Pooling resources allows a program to cover a wide breadth of subject matter in a one day event.



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## **IMPACT**

Through these multi-state efforts, more than a dozen woodland owner workshops have been offered since 2002. These workshops are rotated around the tri-state area with all three universities being involved in each event. Almost 2600 woodland owners owning more than 72,000 acres over a 6 state area have attended these meetings, leaving with increased knowledge on managing for wildlife, timber and water resources along with a variety of non-timber forest products. In 2013 the University of Kentucky hosted the event at General Butler State Park. There were 15 different presentations given by speakers from all three states providing a wide array of expertise. There were 100 landowners in attendance at the workshop owning a total of approximately 4200 acres of woodlands in the tri-state area.

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