

# Dr. William E. Kidd, Jr.



William E. Kidd, Jr. received a B.S. in forestry in 1957 and M.S. in economics in 1965 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was a service forester with the Virginia Division of Forestry, 1947-1963; research assistant, VPI, 1963-1964; and extension forester, West Virginia University 1965-1993. In 1993, he became a Professor Emeritus at WVU.

Mr. Kidd has been very active in continuing education programs for professional foresters, as well as educating and training extension agents and landowners in basic forestry principles and concepts. He has planned and coordinated numerous forestry workshops and symposiums in areas such as silviculture, computers, roads, gypsy moth, wood products and tree log grading.

Mr. Kidd has authored and co-authored numerous papers and reference materials for forest landowners and natural resource professionals. He has also conducted and produced ten videos related to forestry woodlot management topics such as building roads, best management practices, stewardship, changing forest, harvesting and renewing it and how forests grow.

Mr. Kidd was involved in establishing and continuing interest in the maple syrup industry in West Virginia. Throughout the years, he has been very active in the West Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association and West Virginia Forest Industries educational camps for high school students.

Mr. Kidd is a member of the Society of American Foresters and was a charter member of the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Appalachian SAF, serving on several chapter committees. In 1965, he joined the West Virginia Division of the SAF and has chaired and participated in many committees since that time.

Mr Kidd has also been active in several other professional memberships, including the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, West Virginia Association of Extension Agents and West Virginia Forests, Inc., as well as five national honor societies.

Mr. Kidd's awards include West Virginia state winner 'Search for Professional Excellence' program, WVU Extension Service 'Honorary State Farmer Degree,' presented for service to community, state and nation by the West Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America; and SAF Fellow, 1994.

Though officially retired, Mr. Kidd continues to be active in the forestry community.