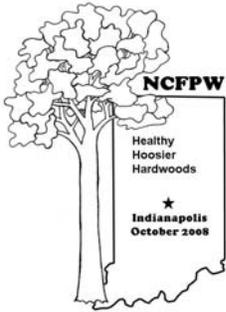


# 57th Annual North Central Forest Pest Workshop

October 6-9, 2008 – Indianapolis, Indiana



## Overview

The 2008 North Central Forest Pest Workshop was held October 6-9 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Indoor sessions took place at the State Government Center South, while lodging and social events took place across the street at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown Hotel. The theme of the meeting was “Healthy Hoosier Hardwoods”, with special sessions on Indiana’s forests, plant pathology issues, the Hardwood Ecosystem Project, and emerald ash borer.

## Schedule

The meeting began on **Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, with a fungal foray at Fort Harrison State Park. Registration was available on Monday evening, and a social was held at the Champion Sports Bar in the Marriott Hotel. A regional Oak Wilt Task Force meeting was also held Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Presentations began at Indiana Government Center South at 8:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** and included:

- an introduction to the hardwood forests and industry in Indiana and invasive species in Indiana,
- updates on forest pathology issues, including hickory decline, bacterial leaf scorch, white oak decline, butternut canker, and emerging concerns about walnut twig beetle.
- and an introduction to Hoosier Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment.

Posters were available for viewing throughout the day.

**On Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, the field trip** toured the Amos Hill hardwood veneer mill, stopped at Brown County State Park, and visited Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment research sites in the Morgan-Monroe State Forest.

Indoor sessions on the morning of **Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** started with the NCFPW business meeting. This was followed by a special session on emerald ash borer. The workshop concluded at noon.

Link to detailed agenda: [AGENDA](#)

## Highlights and notables

- This was the first time NCFPW has been held in Indiana, and extended the “new” tradition of periodically holding the workshop in one of the “southern tier” states (Iowa 1998, Missouri 2002).
- There were 53 participants. Attendance was down from normal due to travel restrictions that reduced participation by many State and federal organizations.
- Each participant received a Tervis Tumbler mug and a cloth tote.



## Highlights and notables (continued)

### •The Field Trip

- The visit to a veneer mill in Edinburgh that processes high quality walnut, cherry, oak and sugar maple logs.
- BBQ lunch showed hospitality and good eatin', Indiana style.
- Hardwood ecosystem experiment, a 100-year cooperative project funded by IN-DNR and Purdue University to study the long-term impacts of different timber harvesting methods.

### • The Business Meeting

- Concern with additional hotel costs due to attrition (did not fill contracted number of rooms).
- NCFPW now has capacity to accept credit card payments for registration.
- Nomination of two new members on the Board of Representatives: Michael Roling of Missouri State University and Gerry Adams of Michigan State University.
- 2009 meeting in Manitoba, 2010 in Wisconsin.
- Read the complete minutes, posted here: [MINUTES](#)

## Registration details

Registration for the 2008 NCFPW was \$125, which included the social, meeting breaks, BBQ lunch on the field trip, and field trip transportation. A reduced rate of \$65 was available to students or for participation in a single day. Accommodation was available at the Marriott Downtown in Indianapolis at the special meeting rate of \$97/ night plus tax or the current Federal government rate.

## Thanks to the organizing committee

Phil Marshall, Indiana DNR

Jodie Ellis, Purdue University

Dennis Haugen, USDA Forest Service

## Images from the 2008 NCFPW Field Trip



Amos Veneer mill: NCFPW participants check out the log pile.

# Images from the 2008 NCFPW (continued)

Amos Veneer mill:

1. Marking up the logs.
2. Logs coming out of the 'cooker' (below). The logs 'cook' for 48 hours at 120-150° F before processing.



3. The headsaw cuts logs down to pith to create 2 flitches.

4. The vertical slicer cuts veneer slices from the flitch.

5. Veneer coming off the vertical slicer.



# Images from the 2008 NCFPW (continued)

Amos Veneer mill:

1. Veneer coming out of the rotary slicer
2. Veneer loaded into the dryer which dries and rolls the sheet for 1.5 minutes.



3. Bundles of dried veneer ready for grading.
4. Grading the veneer.
5. Final product in showroom.



## Images from the 2008 NCFPW (continued)



BBQ Lunch– Pork or chicken with all the fixin's, plus cherry cobbler and dump cake.



Courtney Mycroft (HEE coordinator) gives an overview of the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment project.

Unfortunately we did not capture the traditional group photo this year. You can go back through these photos and see how many participants you recognize!

For a limited time... While supplies last... leftover cups and bags available from Phil Marshall. Make a donation to NCFPW (suggested: \$10) and receive a cup and/or bag. Contact Phil for details.

