

Arlyn Perkey Tree Farm Tour--October 25, 2008

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Tour participants will hear about Arlyn's experiences with many types of tree planting experiences and forest management activities.

On Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 1-4 pm, a red oak direct seeding workshop will be held at Perkey Tree Farm near Daybrook, Monongalia County, West Virginia. Arlyn Perkey will share his experiences gathering, testing, and storing red oak acorns. Attendees will be exposed to the advantages and disadvantages of direct seeding as an alternative to planting nursery stock. A variety of sites will be visited. They aren't all the same.

Discussion will include tree shelters and accessories. How tall must shelters be on heavy deer browse sites? Should tree shelters be vented? What releasable ties work best? Does tree shelter color matter? What about stakes to support the shelters, how strong must they be? How do you control the competing vegetation?

These questions and others will provide the basis for discussion.

For directions to the Perkey property, please contact Dave McGill, 304-293-2941x2474 or dmcgill@wvu.edu.