

## **TREE FARM INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR CONTEST**

Every year the American Forest Foundation sponsors the Inspector of the Year contest to recognize top performers among the thousands of Tree Farm inspecting foresters. The contest is based on the previous year's performance only, in order to allow newer inspectors to compete with the old timers.

While certification and inspection activity is a requisite, equal emphasis is placed on promotion of the Tree Farm System, and involvement in the forestry community in general.

Any inspecting forester can be nominated, provided the state chair approves the nomination. The nominee does not necessarily have to be the state's Inspector of the Year, if that designation is based solely on inspection and certification work.

### **PHASE ONE**

Each state can nominate an inspecting forester for Regional Tree Farm Inspector of the Year by completing the nomination form, which can be found on the Leaders Only section of [www.treefarmssystem.org](http://www.treefarmssystem.org), and submitting it via email ([operations@forestfoundation.org](mailto:operations@forestfoundation.org)) to AFF by **March 15, 2010**. The nomination form can be supplemented with additional materials and information as necessary.

### **PHASE TWO**

ATFS staff reviews all nominations, and chooses regional finalists. Each of the four finalists receives a plaque from AFF.

### **PHASE THREE**

ATFS staff, with assistance from other AFF staff, selects the national Tree Farm Inspector of the Year from among the four finalists.

The national winner receives the *Wes Meier Award*. National and regional winners are featured in *Tree Farmer Magazine*, and, in addition to other prizes, receive travel assistance to the National Tree Farmer Convention for the awards ceremony.