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Ohio River Veneer, LLC Named Kentucky Logger of the Year

Ohio River Veneer, LLC of Carrollton, KY was recently honored as the 2009 Kentucky Logger of the Year at the Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA) 45th Annual Meeting in Bowling Green, KY. Sammy Allen with the Kentucky Division of Forestry nominated Ohio River Veneer for the award. In addition to a plaque recognizing their achievement, a Stihl 044 chainsaw was also presented to the Company and was sponsored by the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee. Ohio River Veneer is owned by brothers Iamur, Brutus and Astar Wright and harvests timber throughout Central Kentucky and Southern Indiana and was selected from a large number of candidates submitted from around the state.

Ohio River Veneer operates with a 10-person crew with three trained as Kentucky Master Loggers. The Kentucky Master Logger program trains loggers to incorporate proper harvesting techniques, operate safely and use best management practices to protect water quality. The Wright's have an excellent working relationship with landowners and project a professional image. They work hard to keep landowners satisfied and often increase property value by seeding and improving access roads after logging. They take tremendous pride in protecting the trees that they leave after the harvest and making sure that water quality is protected on the harvest site and that all water quality regulations are followed properly.

The Wright's use two John Deere skidders, and a Caterpillar dozer, front-end loader and knuckleboom loader along with chainsaws to harvest trees on private forestland. The crew operates a wide range of equipment that makes for an efficient operation that works hard to harvest timber in an environmentally safe manner. They take every opportunity to promote the importance of the logging industry and sell logs to a wide range of markets to maximize financial returns to the landowner. Ohio River Veneer is also a member of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association.

The Kentucky Tree Farm Committee is sponsored by KFIA which is a trade association dedicated to serving and promoting the forest products industry of Kentucky. Founded in 1965, it has over 600 members in the areas of primary and secondary wood industry, supplier and service industries, wholesale, loggers and landowners. KFIA promotes sound forest management through the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. For more information about the association or the Kentucky Tree Farm Program contact Bob Bauer at 502/695-3979.

Ohio River Veneer for the 2009 Kentucky Logger of the Year



Jim Spangler, Bryan Equipment Company (Division of Stihl, Inc.) presents a Stihl 044 chainsaw at KFIA Annual Meeting to Ohio River Veneer, LLC., 2009 Logger of the Year Award