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Pictured: Rodney Johnson and MFA Executive Vice President, Tedrick Ratcliff

Rodney Johnson Named Mississippi Forestry Association's Outstanding Logger of the Year

Jackson, Miss. - Mississippi Forestry Association (MFA) is pleased to announce Rodney Johnson of Pheba, as the 2017 Outstanding Logger of the Year. Johnson was honored at the MFA President's Banquet on October 11, in Biloxi as part of the organization's Annual Meeting. The 300 banquet guests watched a video produced by *Farmweek* detailing Johnson Timber Co. before the award was given. Johnson was presented with a handmade wooden log truck, a monogrammed jacket and various other prizes donated by clients and equipment dealers.

Justin Dewberry and Bryant Millsaps, both members of the Clay County Forestry Association (CCFA), nominated Johnson for this honor. According to them, Johnson has built a logging company that "promotes good forestry, good citizenship and service." Johnson is also active in forestry outside of his job. He hosts field days on his property, serves on the board of the CCFA, and often sponsors their meetings.

Johnson bought the company from his father 19 years ago. Both of his sons and his wife, work in the business. The Johnson team includes one part time and two full time office managers, a truck shop manager, a wood yard employee, 14 truck drivers, six logging crew members, one logging crew supervisor, and one registered forester. As his nominators stated, Johnson takes pride in his work and "truly enjoys being able to help people get the most out of their timber while preserving the beauty of the land for future generations."

Mississippi Forestry Association's vision is to serve as the "Voice of Forestry" in Mississippi. MFA's mission is leading diverse groups to promote landowner rights, environmental stewardship, member prosperity, and community understanding. MFA members and staff work to accomplish the mission by conducting public affairs, communication, and education programs that will foster better understanding and appreciation of conservation, development, and use of forestland and resources. To learn more, visit www.msforestry.net.

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