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Pictured: Henry and Kay Hudson, Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year

Henry and Kay Hudson named Mississippi Forestry Association's Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year

Jackson, Miss. - Mississippi Forestry Association (MFA) named Henry and Kay Hudson of Sumrall, as the 2019 MFA Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year. MFA presented the award at its annual President's Banquet, a highlight of the 2019 MFA Annual Meeting in Jackson. The 350 banquet guests enjoyed a video presentation by Mississippi State University's *Farmweek* on the Hudson's Tree Farm, Turkey Pine Plantation. The Hudsons will represent Mississippi in the 2020 National Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year competition sponsored by the American Tree Farm System.

The land has been in their family since 1958, and Henry and Kay have owned it for the past 21 years. The land has been under a written forest management plan for all 21 years and has also been a certified Tree Farm for the past ten years.

Travis Stewart, president of the Forrest/Lamar County Forestry Association, nominated the Hudsons for this award. Stewart states, "Both Henry and Kay have gone far and beyond expectations in promoting forestry by lecturing, teaching, and involving the entire community in their Tree Farm. They have demonstrated a proven record of being outstanding representatives of all Tree Farmers in Mississippi."

The Hudsons are members of the Mississippi Forestry Association and of the Forrest/Lamar County Forestry Association (CFA). They also frequently host

local CFA and other community groups on their property for educational programs.

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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