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Chris Terry Named Kentucky Logger of the Year

Chris Terry of Morehead, KY was recently honored as the 2005 Kentucky Logger of the Year at the Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA) 41st Annual Meeting in Lexington, KY. Dick Brantigan with D & M Forestry in Winchester, KY nominated Terry for the award. In addition to a plaque recognizing his achievement, a Stihl 044 chainsaw was also given to Terry and was sponsored by the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee. Chris operates Terry Logging and harvests timber within a 100 mile radius of Morehead and was selected from a large number of candidates from around the state.

Chris Terry along with half of his four employees are certified 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. Terry has an excellent working relationship with landowners and projects a professional image. He works hard to keep landowners satisfied and often increases property value by seeding and improving access roads after logging. He also has a reputation of making a special effort to follow all best management practices and always doing extra work to maintain water quality beyond state requirements. Close attention is always paid to details on closing out jobs properly and seeing that landowners are completely satisfied with the condition of they're properties following the harvest.

Terry uses a cable skidder, knuckleboom loader, dozer, bucksaw and chainsaws to harvest trees on private forestland. The four employees operate a wide range of equipment and make for an efficient operation that works hard to harvest timber in an environmentally safe manner. The operation produces sawlogs for Harold White Lumber in Morehead and also harvests wood for Trus Joist located in Chavies, KY.

In addition to operating in the log woods Terry is also involved in the local community and forestry related activities. He is a member of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association and is involved with the Kentucky Log a Load for Kids Program that provides donations to the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital.

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 750 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.