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Forestry group honors Morgan with logging award

This year marks 30 years since Larry Morgan took over his father's logging business in Fordyce. Larry started working for his father skidding logs with mules. And at age 69, he cannot imagine doing anything else. "If I retired, I could only work in the yard so much," he said. "I would miss the log woods."

On October 6, the Arkansas Forestry Association honored Morgan as its 2011 Logger of the Year during the group's annual meeting in North Little Rock.

Larry Morgan Logging continues to be a family affair with daughter Lisa Morgan Nutt managing the office and accounting, brother-in-law Watt Bowen operating a tree cutter and nephew Henry Watson Bowen Jr. running a delimeter. Larry's wife Betty is also a logger, with Becton Timber Co. in Hampton Other crew members include John Loomis, loader; Kenny Wayne Loomis, truck driver; Fred Gilbert, skidder; Doyle Smith, set man; and George Owens, skidder. "We must be doing something right, because we've been together so long," Larry said.

"He has always conducted his business with a high standard by making sure everything is done correctly," said Clint Horn, with Timber Logistics. "He merchandises every product and takes every effort to satisfy customer specifications."

"Larry and his crew are the type that gives logging a good name," said Doug Grimmert, with Larson & McGowin. "He is a credit to Arkansas and to the part he plays in the forest industry."

Larry and his wife live in Fordyce, where he is a deacon at Temple Baptist Church. This year, he was honored for 39 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

For more than 60 years, the Arkansas Forestry Association has been the only nonprofit association representing the state's entire forestry community. With more than 1,200 members, the organization promotes the wise use and management of forestland. For more information about AFA programs, look online at www.arkforests.org.

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Caption: (Left to right) Larry Morgan, of Fordyce, receives the Arkansas Forestry Association Logger of the Year award from AFA President Allen Morgan, of Arkadelphia, and AFA Executive Vice President Max Braswell.