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**TIMBER HARVEST LLC WINS VIRGINIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION'S
LOGGER MERIT AWARD**

RICHMOND, VA – Timber Harvest LLC of Waverly, Virginia, received the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) 2019 Logger Merit Award on Thursday, May 2, at the 2019 Virginia Forestry Summit in Norfolk, Virginia. This was one of two Logger Merit Awards presented that evening. Since 1949, this award has recognized and honored outstanding logger performance in the Commonwealth. The recipient represents the “best-of-the-best,” exemplifying the highest professional standards as they serve as effective and positive public role models for the entire logging industry.

Justin Scott began working for his father, Chris C. Scott, in the logging industry when he was twenty-two years old. From 2004 to 2013, Scott ran the tree cutter on the Chris Scott Logging crew, quickly developing his special gift of running that machine. He soon became well known in southeast Virginia for the quality of his thinning work and attention to detail. Scott is also known for his work ethic and determination in doing a job to the exact specifications of the customer. “It’s the little things that folks don’t see that put him in the ranks of the best-of-the-best,” says Chris Harris, the Procurement Manager at Pinecrest Timber Company. “Wonder how that basal area is running? He doesn’t find out from the consultant; he gets out of the machine and checks it himself (and often). How does that quirky property line or buffer run exactly? He doesn’t just cut with the assumption he can handle it from the cab of the machine; he gets out and looks at it so there is no doubt when he is cutting.” In January of 2014 Chris Scott Logging grew their business and started a second crew, commonly referred to by many in Waverly as “Justin’s Crew.” The creation of this second crew afforded Justin the opportunity to lead a job, and under his direction they worked diligently at both thinning and clearcutting.

In May 2018, with support of his parents, Justin and Tina purchased the equipment from his job and Timber Harvest LLC was formed. On June 4, 2018, Timber Harvest LLC hauled its first load off a private landowner thinning outside of Wakefield. “Justin has been an integral part of our log supply from day one,” says Terry Godwin of Franklin Lumber Company. “His focus on preparing the logs to meet our specifications as well as an attention to details in the woods is impressive for a young logger.” “I have worked with many fine loggers through the years,” says Bill Owen of Raccoon Creek Pinelands, “but Justin is exceptional. He is honest, eager to please, takes great pride in his work; but above all, respects the land on which he is working and its future.”

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About Virginia Forestry Association:

Founded in 1943, the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) is a not-for-profit organization with the mission of representing Virginia’s diverse forestry community and promoting the sustainable use and conservation of forest resources to ensure their long term social benefits for all Virginians. VFA consists of a diverse membership, including forest landowners, foresters, forest products businesses, loggers, forestry consultants, and a variety of individuals and groups who are concerned about the future well-being of Virginia's forest resources and are willing to collaborate for the good of the industry. VFA seeks to be the unifying voice of Virginia’s forestry community through advocacy, outreach, and communications that enhance the public’s perception of the industry. Learn more at www.vaforestry.org.