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## Wall Receives Distinguished Service Award

Columbia, SC -- W. Virgil Wall, Jr., Greenwood, SC received the South Carolina Forestry Association's Distinguished Service Award on Nov. 4 at the group's Annual Meeting held at Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC.

Wall grew up on his family's farm in Edgefield, SC working cotton, corn, and beef cattle and participating in 4-H and Future Farmers of America programs.

He credits his family for instilling his strong work ethic and values.

"Daddy would remind us that a job worth doing was worth doing well," Wall says of his father W. Virgil Wall, Sr. (deceased) who was SCFA's 1987 Outstanding Logger of the Year and 1988 Southeastern Regional Outstanding Logger.

Wall has long juggled a variety of roles. He's Norbord's Woodlands Manager, Kinards, SC; former Chairman of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters, former Chairman of the SC SFI Implementation Committee, a past Chairman of Greenwood Co. Forestry Association, and has held several offices with the Society of American Foresters. He serves on FRA's Southeast Region Policy Committee and has served several terms on Clemson University's Forest and Natural Resources Advisory Board.

He was the SC Forestry Association's 1999 Board Chairman, and named 1992 Outstanding Forestry Alumnus by Clemson University Forestry Alumni Association. He was elected a Fellow in 2008 by the Society of American Foresters.

Back in 1989 when Hurricane Hugo -- a destructive Category 4 -- hit South Carolina, Wall devoted time and energy to the Governor's Forest Disaster Salvage Council.

Wall spends spare time at Brendy Hill Farms, his beef cattle farm in Saluda county. "The farm has been my stress reliever for many years," he says. "I can work there and get my mind off work related problems."

He also assists with 4-H and Future Farmers of America youth projects. "I know how much these programs meant to me growing up and I just want to give back," he smiles.

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