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Wallace Wood Named SC Tree Farmer Of The Year

Columbia, SC -- Wallace B. Wood, Jr., Parksville, SC, has been named South Carolina Tree Farmer of the Year by the South Carolina Tree Farm Committee. He was honored Nov. 4 at the South Carolina Forestry Association's Annual Meeting held at Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC.

Wood is a retired Clemson University forestry and natural resource agent and currently serves as Executive Director of the Upper Savannah Land Trust.

His formative years were spent on his family's Parksville, SC cattle and tree farm where he assisted with his dad's small pulpwood business as chief mechanic. After graduating from Clemson University with a degree in Agricultural Education, he joined Clemson Extension as a forestry agent. He developed several county forestry associations and assisted landowners in transforming their properties into productive Tree Farms.

He owns a 100 acre farm that's been in his family since 1953, and an additional 107 acres purchased in 2004. His timberland has been under a written forest management plan since 1980 with 146 acres certified as a Tree Farm.

"This is a family Tree Farm where we all work together," he says. "My two sons help a lot by burning, working on roads, preparing food plots, and anything else that needs to be done. It's a family affair."

Primary objectives are managing for timber, recreation, wildlife, and aesthetics.

Wood utilizes available cost share assistance programs to accomplish some management activities. He participates in EQIP, the Conservation Stewardship Program, and others to conduct prescribed burns, understory chemical control, and timber stand improvement.

Wood is Vice President of McCormick Co. Forestry Association. He is a former McCormick Co. Tree Farmer of the Year Award recipient and was named Conservationist of the Year by McCormick Soil and Water Conservation District. He's a member of the SC and McCormick Co. Cattlemens Associations, Lakelands Beekeepers Association and SC Beekeepers Association, Forest Landowners Association, and the SC Forestry Association.

He actively promotes Tree Farming and has conducted tours of his property for 4-H camps, elementary schools, horse riding groups, and others.

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