



MAINE FOREST PRODUCTS COUNCIL

ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year, the Maine Forest Products Council asks its members to select outstanding individuals from the forest products community who excel in their professions

OUTSTANDING LOGGER OF MAINE
OUTSTANDING TRUCKER OF MAINE
OUTSTANDING MANUFACTURER OF MAINE
DOUG DENICO FORESTER OF THE YEAR

Please take the time to consider people who have done an exemplary job in these areas and deserve recognition for their positive impact on our industry.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY
AUGUST 31, 2023

Email Responses To:
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Augusta, ME 04330

Award recipients will be honored at the Maine Forest Products Council Annual Membership Meeting Awards Banquet, being held:

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 18 CROSS CENTER
BANGOR, ME



**MAINE FOREST PRODUCTS COUNCIL
OUTSTANDING LOGGER OF MAINE
Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

(Please indicate if you are nominating for Outstanding Large Trucker firm or Outstanding Small Trucker firm Award)

Requirements

- Based in Maine
- Utilizes proper safety techniques
- Practices harvesting methods that protect the environment
- Pursues exemplary employee relations
- Responsible spokesman for the industry
- Improves logger-forester-landowner by demonstrating fair and efficient practices
- Practices good aesthetic work habits

**Nominees from prior years may be resubmitted*

Categories

- Safety information** (*Adheres to good harvesting and transportation safety practices, use of personal protection equipment, provides safety training for employees, provides safety incentives, etc.*)
- Forest Management Information** (*Types of harvests, extent of harvest planning, extent of attention paid to harvest plan, soil erosion protection, etc.*)
- Timber Harvesting Information** (*Major harvesting and transportation equipment, maintenance program, utilization standard, top and slash disposal, aesthetics of timber harvesting, clean up, leaves buffer strips, adheres to local timber harvesting ordinances/regulations, etc.*)
- Business Management Information** (*Number and job titles of nominee's employees, types of insurance and benefits provided, relationship with business community, use of contracts for purchasing, cutting and hauling timber, payroll and bookkeeping system, etc.*)
- Other Information** (*Awards, community and association work, family involvement in business, promotes industry, news articles or press releases on logging/timber harvesting, etc.*)

Your Name and Affiliation: _____

Criteria for Outstanding Logger

- I. Timber harvesting must be a major component of business activities or be principal employment for at least the last five years.
- II. Must be Certified Professional Logger or employ CLP crews if logging manually.
- III. Must demonstrate superior on-the-ground performance and be safety conscious.

Consider the following factors. Using a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being Superior and 5 being poor, please rate your nominee.

	Score
Utilization	
Log Recovery and Separation	
Harvest planning and area cut to specification	
LURC, DEP and FPA Standards	
Laws and rules being maintained	
Land Management and Silviculture	
BMP Standards Maintained	
Condition of ditches, culverts, and roads	

IV. OSHA – Safety

Partners with OSHA	
First Aid Certification, Hearing Conservation	
Conducts appropriate training	
Job sites and other activities free of obvious safety problems	

V. Conducts Business in a Professional Manner

Seems well organized, efficient, and stable	
Has confidence of financial community	
Equipment well maintained	
Is comfortable with innovation and change	

VI. Exemplifies a Positive Image of Logging Professionalism

Active in industry affairs and organizations such as: MFPC, PLC, APA among others	
Gives of time and/or resources to the broader community	
Mentors others and treats subcontractors, employees, or other loggers ethically and fairly	

- VII. Has a reputation for honesty and competence with landowners and mills? YES NO UNSURE

Your Name and Affiliation: _____

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**MAINE FOREST PRODUCTS COUNCIL
OUTSTANDING TRUCKER AWARD
Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee: _____

Employer (if applicable): _____

(Please Indicate if you are nominating for Outstanding Large Trucker firm or Outstanding Small Trucker firm Award)

Requirements

- ◆ Exemplary driving record with no safety violations
- ◆ Maintains trucks and trailers in good mechanical order with all safety accessories including flares, first aid kits, lights fire-extinguishers, mud flaps, etc.
- ◆ Provides safe driving courses
- ◆ Requires that number and quality of chains, binders, and straps meet all legal standards
- ◆ Participates in industry related associations and upholds their missions and goals
- ◆ Maintains a good relationship with other truckers, loggers, mills and landowners
- ◆ Active in community and/or industry programs

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Tell us a little about this nominee; size, location, and nature of the operation. Please cite your business tenure with the nominee and any characteristics of their operation, which makes it stand out above the rest.

Your Name and Affiliation: _____

Criteria for Outstanding Trucking Award

- I. Trucking of forest or related products such as paper or lumber must have been an essential component of business activities or a principal employment for at least the past five years.
- II. Must show exceptional competence as a trucker in both operations and safety.

Consider the following factors. Using a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being Superior and 5 being poor, please rate your nominee.

- | | Score |
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| A. Condition of Equipment | |
| 1. Vehicles and trailers well maintained and exhibit no obvious safety defects | |
| 2. Vehicles pass commercial inspection as required | |
| B. Has a policy of following DOT weight limits and other rules | |
| 1. Does not have a record of excessive violations | |
| 2. Drug and alcohol testing in place | |
| 3. Reasonable accident record | |
| C. Maintenance facilities well equipped and cared for | |
| D. Cooperates with loggers, landowners, and shipping or receiving mills to ensure timely and safe loading, transport, and delivery of products | |
| | |
| III. Presents a positive image of trucking and the forest industry to the wider world. | |
| A. Is sensitive to and considerate of public concerns about sharing roads with other trucks | |
| 1. Loads look neat, properly secured | |
| 2. Avoids spilling or blowing debris | |
| B. Joins with others to improve image and lot of truckers | |
| 1. Belongs to MFPC, MFOA or other groups | |
| 2. Gives time and/or resources to community affairs | |
| | |
| IV. Professionalism | |
| A. Evidence of stability and a well-run operation | |
| B. Enjoys a positive reputation for honesty and reliability | |

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE THE ABOVE:

Your Name and Affiliation: _____

MAINE FOREST PRODUCTS COUNCIL
OUTSTANDING FOREST PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER OF MAINE
Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Company Name: _____

- ✓ If your nominee is chosen as a finalist, you will be asked to provide further information.
- ✓ Please note that nominees need not be members of the Maine Forest Products Council.
- ✓ Use the space below, as well as the back if necessary, to provide your information.

Categories

- Innovative Approaches
- Value Added Strategies
- Community Relations
- Environmental and Safety Awareness
- Growth Strategies

1. Please describe in detail the size, location, and nature of the company you are nominating for this award.

2. Please describe your relationship with this company and explain why you think the company should receive this award.

Your Name and Affiliation: _____

3. Exceptional organizations develop and implement innovative approaches in order to remain successful and separate themselves from their competition. Can you tell us about one such innovative approach implement by this company during the past two years?

4. Value-Added Strategies are vital to the continued success of a manufacturer as you strive to remain important to your customers and competitive in your marketplace. Can you talk about some way that this company continues to add value to their product and/or process?

5. How we behave as a member of our communities is important in making an organization become truly exceptional.
 - a. How would you describe this organization's community involvement?

 - b. How do you think other members of the community would describe this organization and the role it plays in the community?

Your Name and Affiliation: _____

6. The ability to provide a clean and safe working environment is critical to the well-being of the work force.
- a. Are OSHA rules and regulations followed?

 - b. Is machine guarding in place and effective?

 - c. Is a hearing conservation program in place?
 - i. Does it include regular testing?

 - ii. Is proper personal protection used where required?

 - d. What, if any, regular safety training programs are in place?

 - e. What is the impression of overall housekeeping?

 - f. Growth Strategies are essential to the long-term success of an organization. Please tell us about the growth goals of the company you are nominating.

Your Name and Affiliation: _____

MAINE FOREST PRODUCTS COUNCIL
DOUG DENICO OUTSTANDING FORESTER AWARD
Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Employer (if applicable): _____

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Requirements

- This award will be given to an individual that has demonstrated an extraordinary ability to directly apply forest management practices in a “working forest” environment on either private or public lands.
- Application of a broad range of silvicultural practices and the supervision of operational activities is a prerequisite for this award.
- The individual must demonstrate the ability to adopt emerging concepts and research results to improve forest management. The ability to incorporate other societal and biological considerations such as aesthetics and wildlife into silvicultural practices must be shown as well.
- The individual must have the ability to mentor other forest practitioners in forest management practices.

Additional Criteria

- Forester license or SAF Certified Forester Certificate
- Scale of operations and tenure
- Involvement within the forestry community and professional organizations
- Membership/participation in related organizations
- History of environmental/regulatory compliance
- Support for safety

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2. Please describe your relationship with this individual and explain why you think they should receive this award.

Your Name and Affiliation: _____