

**REDOUTEY LOGGING FIRST EVER OHIO COMPANY
SELECTED AS NATIONAL CHAMPION**

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It is well known that Ohio grows some of the World's finest quality hardwoods. And with the recent announcement of (Scioto County-based) Redoutey Logging as the National Outstanding Logger of the Year, we should also recognize that our state is fortunate to have some of the best trained, safest operating, and most conscientious loggers found anywhere.

Coupled with Shawn and Will Sexton's 2007 Appalachian Regional Logger of the Year award, the Redoutey recognition shows that strong leadership in Ohio's Master Logger community is improving the trade for everyone who participates in the program.

The many notable accomplishments of Redoutey Logging include:

- A family owned operation with no major accidents in more than 26 years.
- Company founder August Redoutey is a National Game of Logging Champion
- August's son Ryan is a long term chair of the Logging Standards Council
- Innovators of low impact logging techniques
- Promoters of the OEPA's linked deposit program for low-impact equipment.

The Division of Forestry is working in partnership with the Ohio Forestry Association to help promote the accomplishments of the Redoutey Family. This serves to provide due credit to this hard working and generous family. It also is a great opportunity to promote more participation in the Master Logger program, and to remind the public that Ohio's \$15 billion wood industry is an important part of our state's economy.

Most importantly, this outreach effort provides a spotlight that our forest resources are renewable, job creating, recreation providing, sources of great beauty, wildlife habitat, clean air and water. With leaders like the Redoutey Family, we can be assured that all Ohioans will receive these benefits for generations to come.