

2015 GEORGIA LOGGER OF THE YEAR

Triple J Logging, Inc., James, Jason, Josh, and Jamye Dawson, Summerville, Georgia

Triple J Logging was established in 2001 by James Jr., Jason and Josh Dawson. Oldest son Jamye joined the business full time in 2003. Logging was just the family trade, our father James Jr. had been in the timber business with his father since 1977. Our grandfather, James Sr. had a work ethic surpassed by no other which was passed along to our father. Our Dad is the first one to work in the morning and usually the last one out at night, (with the exception of 'roping nights' which are Tuesday and Thursday).

Business was simple in the beginning with one logging crew that consisted of James Jr., Jason and Josh in the woods and three truck drivers. Equipment in the woods consisted of a loader rubber tired cutter and a skidder. We did our maintenance and repairs in an old chicken house on our farm, in which the roof leaked so you had to sweep the water out as it fell - which wasn't ideal working conditions, however we managed. A single cab pickup hauling fuel in a 55 gallon drum and a few tools and a chainsaw for transport to the job site rounded out the company equipment.



We cut small tracts for pretty much anybody that would allow us to cut for them. Soon, Temple Inland and Bowater were the two Primary mills that we relied on to buy our wood. We have learned a great deal in the past fourteen years of business. We have experienced our share of losses and gains. However by the grace of God, lots of hard work, and a strong family bond, we have been fortunate!

Today Triple J Logging has forty plus employees, Three company owned logging-chipping crews and employs two contracted logging crews. We have six employees who are certified master timber harvesters. James Dawson Jr. runs Crew #1 (Johnny and Chuck Rollins, and Russell Stager). Josh Dawson runs Crew #2 (Michael Corbin, Chance Bates, Ronnie King, Richard Gill and John Rollins Jr.) and Josh Pilcher, who began as a truck driver and has been with us now for thirteen years, runs crew #3, (Charlie Godfrey, Josh Bullard, James Abernathy). Jason Dawson, who buys timber, also runs a feller buncher from time to time when added production is required. The company's timber buyer is Levi Smith. Jamye Dawson manages the company's shop (mechanic Joni Chambergo and Patrick Strawn) truck and equipment maintenance fleet service and repair, in addition to the company safety program. Secretary Robbin Scoggins does payroll, reconciles the loads for each contract using the Logger's edge software and keeping all the bills paid. Our company is fortunate to have family and a long time employee to run each of the crews from a safety and production perspective in addition to merchandizing of timber.

Education and community involvement is very important to our company . We participate in our county's agriculture awareness day as well as career day at Trion City School where we carry equipment and someone to talk to the second and fifth grade students about our industry in addition to safety around logging zones. Safety is our number one concern at Triple J Logging - you can't be productive without first being safe. ***Congratulations Triple J Logging, Inc. on your well-deserved selection as the 2015 Georgia Outstanding Logger of the Year!***