

Portable Sawmill Demonstration

Wyatt Walsh, a sixth-generation resident of Tyler County currently living in Colmesneil, demonstrated his portable sawmill. He explained how he aligns logs to maximize the lumber yield. The dimensions of the lumber are defined to meet the customer's requirements. It is easier to cut lumber when it is green.

Wyatt explained that lumber for cabinets needs to dry for a long time, while freshly cut lumber can be used immediately for framing a barn. Because freshly cut green wood will shrink in a climate-controlled building, the lumber used inside must be dried thoroughly prior to construction.

One of the forest landowners present shared pictures of her den which is paneled with boards milled by Wyatt from trees on her family's tree farm. She was particularly proud of the beautiful, rustic sliding barn door and end tables built from select slabs.