

Woodville Hardwoods Mill Tour



On Saturday, January 14, 2012, a hardy group of seventeen Tyler County Forest Landowners and guests braved the cold of a January morning to tour the Woodville Hardwoods Mill on Highway 69, five miles south of downtown Woodville.

Clint Anthony, owner and operator of the mill, explained that the mill receives up to eighty truckloads of hardwood daily. While the primary product of the mill is railroad ties, the full length and width of each log is converted into usable, marketable products.

Mr. Anthony rebuilt the mill to his own design after it was destroyed by fire in May 2010. The second carriage of the new design was being completed as we toured the facilities and will increase the capacity of the mill to a maximum of 10,000 railroad ties per week. Each carriage has its own head rig saw. Railroad ties are cut to a standard seven inches by nine inches and from eight to nine feet long.

After the railroad ties are cut from a log, the remainder of the log is cut into pallet lumber. The residue from the tie and lumber production is moved to the chip and fuel production line. This process incorporates Clint's innovative design of chains used for supports.

Everyone enjoyed Mr. Anthony's thorough explanation of the working parts and processes of the mill and the statistics of production. As the mill was down for installation of an additional feed and process line, Clint invited us to come again during the week to see the mill operating.

At the conclusion of the tour, most participants adjourned to a local Mexican Restaurant for a business meeting of the TCFLOA Board of Directors, followed by a delicious lunch.