Customer Connection: Wood Beaver Forestry in Hartford, WI

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Scott Eifler, owner and founder of Wood Beaver Forestry, Hartford, WI, started Resource Recovery Systems in 1993 and was a distributor for these fine companies: Multitek Firewood Processors, Caterpillar Equipment, Morbark Grinders, and CEC Screening Plants.

In 2004 he took on Hakki Pilke, a line of firewood processors that he imported from Finland. Scott realized how nice they were but knew America demanded a gas engine-powered, towable self-contained unit; however, Hakki Pilke only offered machines in a three-point hitch, PTO (power take off) drive units.

Scott saw a need for an entry-level firewood processor for people wanting to get into the firewood business. With 14 years of experience in the business and hundreds of machines in the field, he had a vision of a better machine. Henry Ford didn’t invent the wheel, the engine, or even the automobile — he found a better way to build them.

So Scott began manufacturing the Beaver line of firewood processors in 2007 with the goal of building the best machine on the market, build it cost effectively and make it perform fast really fast. It was important to manufacture a product that was affordable, yet durable. So later that year in 2007, he developed what would be the first of many new products. Just like that, Wood Beaver Forestry was created.

Today, Wood Beaver Forestry has five models of firewood processors, two gas powered conveyors, and a log bundler.

Wood Beaver Forestry is currently using the CH1000 (which replaced the Subaru 40 hp he was using) the ECH749 and the CH440, which also replaced the Subaru engine. You can also find some models powered with the KDW1003 Kohler diesel engine.

The process of making firewood is very interesting to watch; if you have ever processed firewood yourself by hand or even with using a wood splitter, the one thing you will come away with is the Wood Beaver is fast… very fast.

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First you start with a log; the size of the log will determine the size of the machine needed. Wood Beaver offers machines that will process logs up to 20 inches in diameter. Once you have the right machine for the size logs you are processing, a log is hydraulically lifted onto the conveyor. The conveyor moves the log to the proper cutting length set by the operator, then a "hydraulic chain saw" is manually or hydraulically (depending on model), used to cut that length. Once the log is cut, it drops down in front of the splitter ram and is split. Once the wood is split, a conveyor moves the pieces to the end of the processor where it will fall into a pile or onto another conveyor. Perfect firewood is made in less than 15 seconds.

With the wood split, the individual can either leave the pile as is for personal use or stack and sell by the face cord, or use the new Wood Beaver Forestry Twister wood bundler. The Twister wood bundler conveniently wraps bundles in plastic for individual retail sales typically found at convenience stores and campgrounds.

Wood Beaver Forestry products can be seen at local and national trade shows or on the internet at www.woodbeaver.net. According to Paul Ferguson, CPD OEM Sales Engineer, Scott and his team at Wood Beaver Forestry attend typically 10-14 trade shows annually. Shows close to Kohler area are the Greater Wisconsin Outdoor and Sportsman Show August 12-14 and the Lake States Logging Congress September 8-10 both in Oshkosh, WI.