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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - The company exports its lumber around the world, but today it is celebrating an achievement right here at home. Oaks Unlimited Inc., a Waynesville lumber company, has been named 2016 Exporter of the Year by the state Agriculture department.

"Oaks Unlimited has shown the world the quality of North Carolina forestry products for more than 40 years," Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler said in a statement. "The company now exports 75 percent of its production to a dozen countries outside the United States."

Oaks Unlimited specializes in the production of high-quality, kiln-dried ash, cherry, hickory, poplar, red oak and white oak.

The company recently expanded by purchasing 10 acres adjoining its existing facility, adding a boiler, dry kiln and new lumber shed for air drying under cover. In 2014, the company also purchased a sawmill to supply its dry kilns with Appalachian hardwoods.