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Randy Davis Receives Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Award

Gov. Fallin's Excellence in Agriculture Awards ceremony honored Randy Davis with the Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Award in a presentation March 30 by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry during Ag Day at the state capitol.

Davis is President and CEO of Greenleaf Nursery Company with locations in Oklahoma, Texas and North Carolina. Greenleaf is one of the largest wholesale container nurseries in the U.S.

Davis started at Greenleaf as a high school student and has spent almost 40 years with the company in a variety of roles including propagation supervisor and production vice president. He currently serves as a board member of the Western Nursery and Landscape Association and co-chairman of the Governmental Advocacy Committee for the American Horticulture Association. The Oklahoma Nursery and Landscape Association named him the 2015 Green Industry Professional of the Year and nominated him for this award.

Greenleaf makes environmental stewardship an important aspect of its business through a pollution control program featuring water retention and recycling systems that typically allow the Park Hill division to recycle all water used to irrigate its plants. Environmental benefits include a 65-70 percent reduction in water usage from Lake Tenkiller and almost completely eliminating soil sediment flowing into the lake.

The company reuses and recycles plastic film, propagation trays and containers. It also employs an integrated pest management system for spraying crops. The fleet vehicles are being converted to alternative fuels and natural solar heat collection is used to heat overwintering greenhouses.

Greenleaf has spent millions of dollars and thousands of work hours to be good stewards of the environment and conserve natural resources because they believe it benefits everyone.

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Photo caption: Rep. Mike Brown presented a citation to Randy Davis, President and CEO of Greenleaf Nursery Company, who received the Governor's Agriculture Environmental

Stewardship Award from Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese in an Ag Day ceremony March 30 in the state capitol.