

## **National Wild Turkey Federation Selects Arch Coal for West Virginia Wildlife Award**

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ST. LOUIS - February 4, 2002 - Arch Coal (NYSE: ACI) today announced the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) has presented Arch of West Virginia with the West Virginia Wildlife Award for outstanding accomplishments in the establishment and enhancement of wildlife habitat on reclaimed land.

"Thanks to responsible organizations like Arch Coal, wild turkeys are steadily increasing in number and expanding their range," says Harold Davis, president of the West Virginia chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. "Arch's extra efforts show they're truly committed to the environment and the future of West Virginia."

Arch of West Virginia's reclamation specialists created seven food plots and installed several wildlife feeders to attract turkey, deer, boar, doves, duck and other wildlife to the reclaimed land. The food plot locations were carefully chosen to allow the wildlife access to water and protective cover.

"We're proud to be recognized for our environmental commitment by such a respected organization as the NWTF," says Steven F. Leer, Arch Coal's president and chief executive officer. "We integrate the reclamation process into every phase of mining, and seek to make environmental excellence a hallmark of our company."

This award-winning reclamation site spans more than 850 acres. The Arch of West Virginia complex produces 3.5 million tons of coal per year.

Earlier this year, Arch's Mingo Logan mine received West Virginia's top reclamation award, the David C. Callaghan Award, from the W. Va. Dept. of Environmental Protection for its 18-hole Twisted Gun championship golf course. Arch's Phoenix mine also received an award for excellence in reclamation from the WVCA for blending mine reclamation with the surrounding terrain in an environmentally responsible, aesthetically pleasing manner.

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and mines low-sulfur coal exclusively. Through its subsidiary operations in West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, Arch provides the fuel for approximately 6 percent of the electricity generated in the United States. For more information, visit [www.archcoal.com](http://www.archcoal.com).

The NWTF is a 390,000-member grassroots, nonprofit organization with members in 50 states, Canada and 11 foreign countries. The federation supports scientific wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American sport. For more information, visit [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org).