

SEED COLLECTORS' NEWSLETTER

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The State Tree Nurseries have a variety of seed needs for Fall 2009. There are four species that are especially needed this fall. These are; Jack Pine, Basswood, Black Cherry, and Hard Maple.

Ripe Jack Pine cones may be brown or gray in color. Collect only closed cones by cutting or pulling them from branches or they may be found in red squirrel caches. Store cones in a cool shady location to avoid having them open before delivery to the nursery.

Basswood seed can be hand picked or shaken from trees. Hand picking can begin in mid September. Shaking is best done after the leaves fall, but seed remains. Basswood trees may abort infertile seed early. These seeds are usually green to light brown and should not be collected. To be sure that the seed you collect is healthy, crack a few open with a pair of pliers. An embryo should be fully developed and fill the seed coat. We will accept seeds with the wings still attached. **Seed collected from Little Leaf Linden (a common ornamental) will not be accepted. Bring a leaf sample along with the seed.**

When collecting Black Cherry, make sure that you have identified the trees as Black Cherry, and not Choke Cherry. **You are required to bring in a sample twig, with the leaves attached.** Also, be sure to bring your Black Cherry in right away, or keep them chilled, so they do not begin to ferment.



When collecting Hard Maple (Sugar), be sure that the seed is not Norway. The photo below shows both type seeds, Hard maple on the right and Norway Maple on the left. When seed is ripe, it can be shaken from the tree. 50% good seed can be expected. On the good seed, the embryo should be fully developed and fill the seed coat. Cut open the seed to check.



Norway maple Hard (Sugar) Maple

Before picking on public lands, check regulations. You can gather on Federal lands with a permit. In State Forests you should notify the property manager to obtain a picking permit. It is illegal to pick in State Parks. If you would like to collect seed on your local county forest, contact the county forester to make sure that seed collection

is permissible, as this activity varies from county to county. On private lands, be sure you get permission from landowners before you enter private property and begin picking. If you will follow these simple guidelines, you will locate sites where you can harvest this year and in years to come.

Please call 800-875-9050 before collecting any seed to be sure the State Nursery Program has not yet reached its goals and is still purchasing the species you want to pick; and to confirm correct identification and quality of seed. You may also look on the DNR website: www.dnr.state.wi.us/forestry/nursery.

STATEWIDE GOALS & APPROXIMATE DATES

SPECIES	HAYWARD	GRIFFITH	WILSON	Total Projected Raw Seed Need for 2008-2009	Units	2008 Proposed Prices	PROJECTED DATE TO BEGIN PURCHASE
Pine, Jack	X	X		800	bu	\$20.00	9/1
Basswood	X	X	X	53	bu	\$40.00	9/17
Butternut	X		X	70	bu	\$15.00	9/17
Cherry, Black	X	X	X	900	lbs	\$5.00	8/13
Hickory, Shagbark			X	50	bu	\$40.00	9/17
Maple, Sugar	X	X	X	71	bu	\$80.00	9/17
Oak, Bur			X	80	bu	\$25.00	9/6
Oak, Red	X	X	X	175	bu	\$30.00	9/17
Oak, Swamp White		X	X	60	bu	\$70.00	9/6
Oak, White	X	X	X	90	bu	\$30.00	9/6
Walnut			X	740	bu	\$3.00	9/21
Plum			X	17	bu	\$20.00	9/21

BUYING STATIONS

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Hours</u>
GRIFFITH NURSERY BUYING STATIONS:			
WI Rapids --			
Griffith Nursery	Carey Skerven	(715)424-3700	8am-2pm
Neillsville DNR	Chris Schmitz	(715)743-5134	by appt.
Shawano DNR	Eric Roers	(715)526-4222	by appt.
HAYWARD NURSERY BUYING STATIONS:			
Barron DNR	Chris Rucinski	(715)537-5046	by appt.
Eau Claire DNR	Chris Widstrand	(715)839-3782	by appt.
	Pat Murphy	(715)839-3760	
Florence Res Ctr	Jamie Remme	(715)528-4400 x109	by appt.
Hayward Nursery	Dave Harbec	(715)634-2717	8am-4pm
Medford DNR	Greg Mitchell	(715)748-4955	by appt.
Menomonie DNR	Jay Jordan	(715)232-1516	by appt.
Rhineland DNR	Phil Puestow	(715)365-2632	by appt.
WILSON NURSERY BUYING STATIONS:			
Baraboo DNR	Rick Livingston	(608)355-4475	by appt.
Boscobel --			
Wilson Nursery	Roger Boringer	(608)375-4123	8am-4pm
Darlington DNR	Matt Singer	(608)776-3064	by appt.
Fitchburg DNR	Steve Holaday	(608)275-3234	by appt.
Horicon DNR	Randy Stampfl	(920)387-7884	by appt.
Lancaster Youth & Ag Bldg (walnuts only)	Roger Boringer	(608)375-4223	M & Th. 1-3:30 pm
Sturtevant DNR	Randy Cooper	(262)884-2390	by appt.

Payment

A voucher payment system is used. A copy of the voucher is given to seller and a check will follow in the mail. It has been taking from two to four weeks to receive payment.

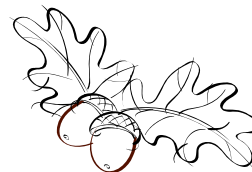
Cleaning Seed

All acorns except Bur Oak should be floated in water. Acorns that sink are generally considered good acorns and those that float should be discarded. Rocks and rotten acorns sink and must be removed. Rocks will damage the seeders at the nursery. If seed is not clean when it arrives at the nursery, you may receive a price reduction.

Seed Storage

You must store your seed in a cool, dry location and deliver the seed to a buying station as soon as possible to prevent seed from over heating or molding. Storage should be in a breathable container.

For those picking white oak, they should be stored in a cool place and brought to a buying station as soon as possible. White oak tends to sprout quickly. *The nursery may reject acorns with radicals longer than 1/2".*



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