

Oklahoma Forestry Division, State Nursery

The Oklahoma Forestry Division Nursery, in Washington, Oklahoma has been located at the present site since 1946. It is the only state owned nursery in Oklahoma.

The Nursery has 65 acres under production. It grows 23-28 species per year; 6-8 conifer species, 4 shrub species, and the rest hardwood. All of the seedlings are 1-0 stock except for five species of 2-0 conifers. The Oklahoma Forestry Division Nursery produces 2-2½ million seedlings per year. The Nursery contracts with the Weyerhaeuser Co., Ft. Towson Nursery to grow 4-4½ million Loblolly Pine per year.

Most of the seedlings grown at the Oklahoma Forestry Division Nursery are produced for windbreaks, erosion control, wildlife habitat, firewood, Christmas trees, and timber. The Nursery sells the seedlings in multiples of 50, with a minimum of 200.

All planting is done with an Oyjord planter, then the seed beds are covered with hardwood sawdust and a light layer of hydromulch. Before planting, the seed is cleaned with a Clipper Shaker, an Oliver Gravity Separator, and other seed cleaning equipment. Most of the hardwoods, and shrubs are topcut to 12-13 inches prior to lifting. All of the conifer species and a few shrub species are lifted with a Grayco Lifter. The hardwoods are hand harvested. The seedlings are hand counted and tied with Saxmayer Bundle Tyers before being packaged in paper bags with sphagnum moss.

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