

General Andrews Forest Tree Nursery Tour

On August 3rd, a hot day, the Minnesota DNR gave the conferees a tour of General Andrews Nursery. The nursery grows ten conifer and nine hardwood species, with a total stock inventory of 47 million trees. Over half of the stock grown is red (Norway) pine. Following a coffee break, the tour viewed the block of one year old seedlings where a new whitfield seeder, a new Rainbird irrigation system, and a new comprehensive herbicide program are all being used. Conferences then toured the two year old and three year old blocks and compared previous practices and results with the new innovations. Returning to the office, the tour stopped at the packing building to view the cooling and packing facilities, along with the new system of packaging boxes. Upon return to the office the tour enjoyed lunch followed by an opportunity to see all nursery equipment used at General Andrews Nursery.