

# TIMELY INFORMATION

## Agriculture & Natural Resources

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### Tree Seedling Sources in Alabama

There are a number of forest-tree nurseries that produce seedlings for reforestation each year. Nurseries may be state (AL Forestry Commission), private (Joshua Timberlands) or industrial (Weyerhaeuser) and they will sell to small, medium or large landowners. Some produce only conifer seedlings (loblolly pine) whereas others may produce both conifers and hardwood seedlings. Some nurseries produce only bareroot seedlings, whereas some produce only container seedlings. Some nurseries produce both seedling types. Many will ship seedlings to the purchaser, or are available to be picked up at the nursery by the landowner.

Nurseries begin their operations late fall of each year where they project and predict the number of seedlings that will be needed for the next growing season. If you have a large need for seedlings, many nurseries will take orders from landowners to ensure that they sow enough seed to meet the seedling demands. If smaller orders are needed, many nurseries will have “extra” for landowners, but as the planting season progresses into January and February of each year, the “extra” seedlings are gone. It is best to plan ahead for your seedling planting needs.

The seed to grow forest seedlings is typically sown in April of each year and the newly germinated seedlings are cultivated, fertilized, and watered during the summer and fall months into October. Around December, the nursery will begin to lift the seedlings from the ground and ship them to landowners to be outplanted. The planting season is dependent upon cool temperatures and adequate soil moisture at the planting site. By the end of February to mid-March, all seedlings should have been lifted from the nursery and outplanted. Lifting and planting seedlings too late into March may bring temperatures which are too high along with too little moisture, resulting in seedling death due to transplant shock.

So, **Plan early, Plant early** and you will have adequate seedlings to put into the ground at the best time of the year.

For more information on the Care and Planting of Trees:

[http://www.rngr.net/publications/care\\_and\\_planting](http://www.rngr.net/publications/care_and_planting)

## AL, GA, MS Tree Nurseries

Alabama SuperTree Nursery

ArborGen

Attn: Larry Foster

Selma, AL

334.872.5452

- loblolly pine

Bell Brothers, Inc.

Attn: Danny or Gary Bell

Bellville, GA

912.739.2273

- loblolly pine
- slash pine

Bellville SuperTree Nursery

ArborGen

Attn: George Lowerts

Bellville, GA

877.833.4760

- loblolly pine
- slash pine
- atlantic white cedar
- sweetgum

Deep South Growers

Attn: Rick Reed

Douglas, GA

912.384.5450

- longleaf pine

Elberta Nursery

Joshua Timberlands

Attn: Sam Campbell

Elberta, AL

251.986.5210

- loblolly pine
- slash pine
- Virginia pine
- baldcypress
- oaks
- green ash
- yellow poplar
- other hardwoods

Georgia SuperTree Nursery

ArborGen

Attn: Robert Cross

Shellman, GA

800.554.6550

- loblolly pine
- slash pine
- baldcypress
- oak
- sycamore
- green ash
- dogwood
- sweet pecan
- yellow poplar
- other hardwoods

Glennville Regeneration Center

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Attn: Kelly Dougherty

Glennville, GA

912.654.4065

- slash pine

## AL, GA, MS Tree Nurseries

Flint River Nursery  
Georgia Forestry Commission  
Attn: Jeff Fields  
Byromville, GA  
229.268.7308

- loblolly pine
- slash pine
- longleaf pine
- shortleaf pine
- Virginia pine
- baldcypress
- other conifers
- oak
- green ash
- dogwood
- yellow poplar
- other hardwoods

International Forest Company  
Attn: Mike Coyle  
Moultrie, GA  
229.985.0321

- loblolly pine
- slash pine
- longleaf pine
- shortleaf pine
- Virginia pine
- baldcypress
- oak

Jesup Nursery  
Plum Creek Timber Company  
Attn: Ken Woody  
Jesup, GA  
912.427.4871

- loblolly pine
- slash pine

LTF Greenhouses  
Attn: Neal Kicklighter  
Tifton, GA  
229.382.4454

- loblolly pine
- slash pine
- longleaf pine

Pearl River Nursery  
Plum Creek Timber Company  
Attn: Ken McQuage  
Hazlehurst, MS  
601.894.1072

- loblolly pine
- slash pine
- longleaf pine
- baldcypress
- oak
- green ash
- sweet pecan
- yellow poplar

Pine Hill Nursery  
Weyerhaeuser  
Attn: Ralph Bower  
Camden, AL  
334.682.9882

- loblolly pine
- slash pine

## AL, GA, MS Tree Nurseries

Rock Creek Nursery  
Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.  
Attn: Doug Shelburne  
Brewton, AL  
251.867.9480

- loblolly pine
- slash pine
- longleaf pine
- baldcypress
- oak
- sycamore
- dogwood
- yellow poplar
- other hardwoods

Rutland Forest Nursery  
Attn: Terrell Rutland  
Lenox, GA  
229.382.5504

- loblolly pine
- slash pine
- longleaf pine
- Virginia pine

Shubuta Nursery  
Plum Creek Timber Co.  
Attn: Tom Anderson  
Shubuta, MS  
601.687.5766

- loblolly pine

Westervelt Containerized Seedling  
Nursery  
Attn: Glenn Free  
Tuscaloosa, AL  
205.562.5497

- loblolly pine

White City Nursery  
Attn: Louis Olivier/Warren Bryant  
Verbena, AL  
334.365.2488

- loblolly pine
- Virginia pine
- baldcypress
- oak
- green ash
- yellow poplar