

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Lands & Forests
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CONE AND FRUIT LETTER 2025

The Col. William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery will purchase fruit and cone from *private* individuals for our seed procurement program.

The desired species, estimated ripening date, and price paid per bushel are listed on the chart on page 2. Fruit and cone should be examined prior to harvesting to determine if it is ready to be picked. Immature seed will not be accepted. If you are unsure, please contact the Nursery for assistance.

Cones should be collected from live or freshly cut trees, starting from the date of maturity until they begin to open. All cones should be received at the nursery by November 15th, unless other arrangements have been made.

The fruit and cone should be put in grain/burlap bags, or cardboard boxes and stored in a cool dry area, such as a garage or shed. Adequate ventilation is required to prevent overheating. Do not stack tightly or overfill containers. The state has the right to reject cones and fruit that are contaminated with debris, deteriorated due to improper storage/handling, or for any other reason that may reduce seed viability.

It is recommended that collectors contact the Nursery prior to collecting with species information and anticipated quantities. Collectors may deliver cone and fruit to their Regional Forestry Office or the Saratoga Tree Nursery once collecting has been finalized. The Nursery must be contacted before the cone and fruit are dropped off at the designated facility so someone will be available to accept the delivery. Under special circumstances, the Nursery may be able to pick up collected fruit and cone from the collector. Payment will be made via a State Voucher.

Consulting Foresters who have any active harvest operations that coincide with ripening dates and are willing to permit nursery staff to collect cone and fruit from the job sites can contact Pete Nicholas peter.nicholas@dec.ny.gov or Brayton Pendell at brayton.pendell@dec.ny.gov or call our office (518) 581-1439.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns; or would like to arrange delivery to the Nursery, please contact us at (518) 581-1439

Sincerely,

Brayton Pendell – Forester 2

Pete Nicholas - Forester I



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	<i>Species</i>	<i>Ripening Date</i>	<i>\$/ Bushel</i>
Conifers	White Spruce	August 30 th	\$125.00
	Red spruce	August 30 th	\$85.00
	White pine	August 30 th	\$25.00
	Hemlock	September 15 th	\$125.00
	Red pine	September 30 th	\$85.00
	Pitch Pine	September 30 th	\$75.00
	Norway Spruce	September 30 th	\$25.00
	Larch (European/Japanese/Dunkeld)	September 30 th	\$85.00
	Black Spruce	September 15 th	\$150.00
	Larch (American)	August 15 th	\$100.00
	Jack pine	September 30 th	\$60.00
Hardwoods	Black cherry	August 30 th	\$90.00
	Black walnut	September 15 th	\$8.00
	Butternut	September 15 th	\$15.00
	Red oak	September 15 th	\$35.00
	White oak	September 15 th	\$60.00
	Bur oak	September 15 th	\$60.00
	Red Maple	May 15 th	\$30.00
	Black Oak	September 15 th	\$75.00
	Sugar maple	October 1 st	\$80.00
	American sycamore	October 15 th	\$50.00
Shrubs and Wildlife species	Gray or red-stem dogwood	September 5 th	\$50.00
	Beach plum	September 15 th	\$30.00
	Virginia rose	September 15 th	\$30.00
	Serviceberry (Shadbush/Juneberry)	June 1st	\$50.00
	Highbush cranberry (American)	September 15 th	\$80.00
	Nannyberry	September 15 th	\$75.00
	Northern bayberry	September 15 th	\$75.00
	Black chokeberry	August- September	\$75.00



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