

TECHNICAL SESSION II

Mulching (Advance & Costs)

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New Jersey uses sand and burlap for mulch on all spring sown seedbeds. Rye straw (grown in the nursery) is used on most fall sown seedbeds. Rye straw costs approximately \$35.00 per ton to grow at the Nursery. This cost includes seed, fertilizer, and the labor to plant, harvest, and store in our storage barn. Pine needles used as mulch on fall sown seedbeds, have shown good results. White pine seedlings appear to be larger and have better color. Further use of pine needles is contemplated.