

STATE AND PROVINCE REPORTS

CONNECTICUT - MARTIN CUBANSKI

The 1979 production was 2.2 million seedlings of which 60% were purchased for Christmas tree production. All species were sold out in February, indicating a good demand for the seedlings. The average price per seedlings is \$42/M and the hourly wage for labor is \$3.75/hour.

DELAWARE - LEROY WHEATLEY

The nursery sustained heavy rain damage this spring and most of the crop was lost. We are looking for Douglas-Fir, Norway Spruce, and Loblolly Pine seedling to buy or swap for Spring of 1980. We have a good supply of Japanese black pine.

INDIANA

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ILLINOIS - NO REPORT

IOWA - NO REPORT

MAINE - HAROLD KNEELAND-EVERETT HOWE

This past year's distribution was approximately one million conifer seedlings and 100,000 wildlife plants. Wages range from \$2.70 - \$3.65/hr. Prices are \$60/M for conifers, \$85/M for container stock, and \$80/M for wildlife plants. The legislature has given the nursery a \$250,000 loan for a 12-year period. If we can raise 2.5 to 3.0 million seedlings, we feel that we can make the nursery pay.

MICHIGAN - GIL ELLIS AND BILL BOTTI

Michigan produced approximately 7.8 million (21 species) seedlings this past season. Wages are \$4.50 per hour. Michigan sells the seedlings at cost. Present prices are \$30/M for conifers, \$50/M for hardwoods, \$100/M for walnut, and \$24/M for shrubs. The nursery is now under the Forest Management Unit which allows better cooperation between the producer and the user of the seedlings.

MINNESOTA - BILL BERNDT

The 1979 distribution was approximately 10 million seedlings (54 species). By 1981 distribution will be approximately 35 million. The new Boundary Waters Canoe Act has produced funds to replace the forest resource that will be tied up in the BWCA wilderness. Wages range from \$5.00-\$6.20/hour. Costs are the same as the price charged the customer. Conifers are \$50/M, hardwoods are \$60/M, and transplants are \$90/M.

Wisconsin and Minnesota are exchanging seedlings so that each can cut down on the number of species raised and increase the volume produced. The tree improvement plan has just been completed by Dr. Monn at the University of Minnesota. Future plans call for a new extractor at Badoura Nursery.

MISSOURI - GENE BRUNK AND DEL MUGFORD

Missouri produces 13 million seedlings per year consisting of 54 species. Kansas and Arkansas rely heavily on Missouri for their reforestation material. Costs run approximately \$38/M for conifers. This year the bed space will be increased by 67% and a new cold storage unit has been completed. Wages are \$3.25/hour.

NEW JERSEY - JACK BAGGALEY

New Jersey's distribution was approximately 700,000 seedlings. The nursery will be relocated to Altair State Park during the next two years.

NEW YORK - BOB EVANS

New York produced approximately 7.5 million seedlings. The fuel allocation has been cut and bicycles are being used to get around the nursery. We are now into a transplanting program because of the demand of the public.

PENNSYLVANIA - ROGER COADY

Presently two nurseries are producing 5 million seedlings at a cost of \$74.20/M. Wages range from \$4.31/hour to \$4.38/hour for the temporary labor. Development work is continuing on a seed pelletizer. Due to the increase in demand for reclamation seedlings, an additional nursery will reopen this season.

VIRGINIA - WAYNE MC BEE

The state distribution was 55 million of which 40 million was (1.0) loblolly pine. Wages are \$2.90 to \$3.85 per hour. Virginia now provides liability insurance for their foresters. Present plans call for a second seed orchard to be planted in Georgia and a third nursery by 1983.

WEST VIRGINIA - DAVID MC CURDY

The 1979 distribution was approximately 6 million of which 2 million was distributed out-of-state in eight different states. Thirty species are produced. Labor costs are presently \$3.24 per hour, up from \$3.02 per hour.

WISCONSIN - KEN WOJAHN

Approximately 14 million seedlings were produced by three nurseries. We were sold out in January, but hope to increase production next year by 2 million. Labor rates are presently \$3.10 - \$3.35 per hour.

NOVA SCOTIA - DON LEVY

Distribution was 3.5 million seedlings at a price of \$50 per thousand. By 1982 with a new nursery, production will be 28 million. The trend is toward containerization. Wages are \$3.70 per hour with a guarantee of 70 hours pay no matter what the weather.

ONTARIO - C. GROVES

Distribution is approximately 60 million seedlings from seven nurseries. Wages are \$6.00 per hour. The interest in fuelwood is high and much of the T.S.I. is accomplished in the harvest of firewood.