## Nursery Production

A total of 1,642,089,000 trees were produced (shipped) by forest tree nurseries in the United States in FY 1998. This is an increase of 18 million trees ( $2 \%$ ) over the $1,623,978,000$ trees reported for FY 1997.

## By Sector

Forest Industry. Nurseries owned by forest product companies produced 772,630,000 million trees in FY 1998, $47 \%$ of all production and 79 million less than in 1997.

Other Industry. Private nurseries not owned by forest industry produced $315,320,000$ million trees in 1998, a decrease of 50 million trees from last year.

State Nurseries. State nurseries produced 480 million trees ( $29 \%$ of U.S. total) in FY 1998, as compared with 348 million in FY 1997.

Other Public Nurseries. Federal nurseries produced 62 million trees in FY 1998, 4\% of the U.S. total, and 9 million more trees than they grew in 1997.

Only 11 million trees were reported as being produced by nurseries operated by local governments in FY 1998.

## State and Regional Highlights

The Top States. Twelve States each produced 55 million or more trees in their nurseries in FY 1998. Georgia topped the list again in 1998 with 357 million trees, followed by Florida with 154 million. Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas each produced over 100 million trees.

Together, these six States produced $65 \%$ of the nursery trees in the United States.

## States with nursery production of 55 million

 or more trees in FY 1998| Georgia | 357 million |
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| Florida | 154 miliion |
| Alabama | 127 milion |
| Arkansas | 125 million |
| Texas | 106 million |
| Mississippi | 101 million |
| South Carolina | 97 million |
| North Carolina | 85 million |
| Oregon | 67 million |
| Louisiana | 66 million |
| Washington | 63 million |
| Virginia | 57 million |

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Regional Notes. The South produced almost 1.3 billion forest trees ( $80 \%$ of U.S. total) and 30 million more than last year. Nursery output was down in the West and totaled 186 million ( $11 \%$ of U.S. total). Nursery production in the North was reported at only 148 million ( $9 \%$ of U.S. total).

## Appendix Tables

Nursery production, in thousands of trees, by ownership category is presented in appendix table 7.

Nursery production by region in FY 1998:


