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## Nursery News 2005

Last harvest season went very well with dry winter weather for lifting and a nice wet spring for establishment of the new reforested land. Last year, the Nursery sold 2.47 million seedlings to Small Woodland Owners. The Nursery will have an estimated 4.4 million seedlings available for harvest season 2005/2006 and a seedling crop is in the ground for a projected 5 million seedlings for 2007/2006. D.L. Phipps Nursery is dedicated to healthy reforestation of Oregon's forestlands, taking great pride in its ability to meet customer reforestation needs.

The Oregon Department of Forestry's mission for the Nursery is to provide seedlings for Small Woodland Owners of Oregon. Currently the Department of Forestry has formed committees to research the Nursery's future roll of this mission. A link has been established on the Nursery website to keep the public informed of the committee progress and past task force reports.

Improvements have been completed to the irrigation system. This improved system can frost protect the complete nursery crop. The system will help insure a stable supply of seedlings for Small Woodland Owners of Oregon.

The Nursery takes great pride by being funded solely from seedling sales. Each year seedling prices are estimated and finalized by November 1st, at this time operating costs are budgeted which sets the price of the seedlings. The goal this year is to not have a price increase. As always, the D.L. Phipps Nursery staff continues to look at ways to stabilize seedling costs.

The Nursery offers contract growing to customers that can plan ahead for their seedling needs. Contract growing may help landowners with cost savings for seedling needs. The process starts in the late Fall. The seed preparation begins in January, sowing begins in the spring to grow in the Nursery beds for 2 growing seasons, after the second growing season the seedlings are harvested during the winter for planting on forest sites. Call the Nursery staff if this option may work for your future seedling needs.

The Nursery values the responses from the customers returning surveys each year. This year customers returned 26% of surveys mailed. The survey summary is available upon request, if interested contact the Nursery to have a copy mailed. Following is a brief overview of the customer survey results for last year:

Seedling Quality:	64% Excellent	30% Satisfactory	6% Poor
Customer Service:	87% Excellent	12% Satisfactory	1% Poor

The seedling crop for the 2005/2006 planting season looks very promising. The nursery will have a large quantity of 1-1's available; all spring transplanted which produces a nice fibrous root system.

D.L. Phipps Forest Nursery values our customers and looks forward to helping with your future planting needs. Thank you!