



# Phipps Pflyer

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## **NURSERY UPDATE**

The latest information on the status of Phipps Nursery can now be accessed on the ODF Phipps Nursery website. Currently, the Nursery Lease Work Group and the Nursery Coop Work Group are continuing to meet to determine if there are any viable options for both leasing the Nursery and for growing the seedling stock supply for small woodland customers. Their findings are due sometime later this fall/winter. If you have any questions regarding either of these work groups, please call Arlene Whalen (503-945-7427). In the meantime, activities at the nursery are "business as usual" and we are underway growing the crop for this winter 2005/06 harvest season and cultivating the crop for the 2006/07 harvest season.

## **CROP NEWS**

After a long wet spring, we were able to get all 4.5 million seedlings transplanted. This is one of the longest and largest spring plantings on record. Though the wet spring delayed transplanting, the otherwise mild spring weather has paid off, allowing the seedlings to have the ideal conditions to thrive and grow. The crop is lagging in size about a month behind schedule, due to the late transplanting. However, with the summer finally underway, it looks good for the weeks ahead to produce a nice uniform crop.

The crop for 2006/07 is robust and bright green. Again, the spring weather was what the crop needed to get off to a great start.

All crop culture is on schedule. The need for top mowing has been far less than usual. The crop is just now hitting the heights needed. With the warmer soil temperatures, the roots are showing good growth spurts also.

Inventory has begun. We plan to take it slower and give the crop a chance to be nearer to size before making too many estimates. This will allow for a number closer to what we will see at harvest.

Seedling sales are off to a great start. To date, we have sold just over 1.1 million. There are plenty more available and now is a great time to order ahead.

The goal of Phipps Nursery is to provide healthy high quality seedlings. That is our top priority. The staff is dedicated to providing the service needed to help land owners select the proper seedling stock needed for their site, to ensure healthy reforestation of Oregon's forestlands.

## **Phipps Nursery stand by the following principles:**

- Be open and honest with customers
- Maintain a high a level of trust with customers
- Do not risk a customer planting trees that may not survive
- In the event of problems with seedlings, try to minimize the impact on the customer to the extent we are able

## **UP AND COMING**

Fall transplanting is planned to begin on August 15 for all the container stock. The bare root stock is scheduled for lift and transplant in mid September. We will be running three planting machines and have a crew lifting and sorting seedling also. This project will run through the first week of October.

Customer meetings and tours of the crop will be scheduled again this fall. We will try not to bump into deer and elk season as we look at the dates that will work for everyone! In the meantime, feel free to come by and take a look at the crop or come visit while we are transplanting.



Garfield - our office mascot