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**Division of Lands & Forests**  
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### **CONE AND FRUIT LETTER 2024**

The Col. William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery will purchase fruit and cone from *private* individuals for our seed procurement program. NYSDEC employees are encouraged to collect fruit and cone for donation only. NYSDEC employees cannot be paid for fruit or cone due to ethical concerns.

The desired species, estimated ripening date, and price paid per bushel are listed on the chart on page 2. Fruit and cone should be examined prior to harvesting to determine if it is ready to be picked. Immature seed will not be accepted. If you are unsure, please contact the Nursery for assistance. Species shown in bolded, red text are of high priority.

Cones should be collected from live or freshly cut trees, starting from the date of maturity until they begin to open. All cones should be received at the nursery by November 15<sup>th</sup>, unless other arrangements have been made.

The fruit and cone should be put in grain/burlap bags, or cardboard boxes and stored in a cool dry area, such as a garage or shed. Adequate ventilation is required to prevent overheating. Do not stack tightly or overfill containers. The state has the right to reject cones and fruit that are contaminated with debris, deteriorated due to improper storage/handling, or for any other reason that may reduce seed viability.

Private collectors must contact the Nursery prior to collecting with anticipated quantities to be collected to confirm that we have not already met our quotas. Collectors should deliver cone and fruit to their Regional Forestry Office or the Saratoga Tree Nursery once collecting has been finalized. The Nursery must be contacted before the cone and fruit are dropped off at the designated facility so someone will be available to accept the delivery. Payment will be made via a State Voucher.

Consulting Foresters who have any active harvest operations that coincide with ripening dates and are willing to permit nursery staff to collect cone and fruit from the job sites can contact Brayton Pendell at [brayton.pendell@dec.ny.gov](mailto:brayton.pendell@dec.ny.gov) or Phone: (518) 581-1439.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to arrange delivery to the Nursery, please contact us at (518) 581-1439.

Sincerely,

**Brayton Pendell**

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	<i>Species</i>	<i>Ripening Date</i>	<i>\$/ Bushel</i>
Conifers	<b>White Spruce</b>	August 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00
	Red spruce	August 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$40.00
	<b>White pine</b>	August 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$12.00
	<b>Hemlock</b>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$125.00
	<b>Red pine</b>	September 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$40.00
	<b>Pitch Pine</b>	September 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$40.00
	Norway Spruce	September 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$10.00
	Jack pine	September 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$30.00
Hardwoods	<b>Black cherry</b>	August 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$60.00
	Black walnut	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$4.00
	Butternut	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$8.00
	<b>Red oak</b>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$20.00
	<b>White oak</b>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$35.00
	<b>Bur oak</b>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$35.00
	Chestnut oak	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$30.00
	<b>Sugar maple</b>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$40.00
	American sycamore	October 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$30.00
Shrubs and Wildlife species	Gray or red-stem dogwood	September 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00
	<b>Beach plum</b>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$30.00
	Virginia rose	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$30.00
	<b>Swamp/ wetland rose</b>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$30.00
	Highbush cranberry (American)	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00
	Nannyberry	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$75.00
	<b>Northern bayberry</b>	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$75.00
	Black chokeberry	August- September	\$75.00
	Winterberry	September- October	\$60.00
	Eastern redcedar	October 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$125.00
	American Plum	September 15th	\$50.00
	Mountain Ash (American or Showy)	September 15th	\$50.00

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Prices Paid per Bushel in 2024



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