Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry

State Forest Nursery Program

Fiscal Year 2014 Legislative Report



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State Forest Nursery Program Fiscal Year 2014 Executive Summary

The State Forest Nurseries' Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14) sales totaled approximately 4.7 million tree and shrub seedlings. This is a lower level than 2013, when sales totaled 5.6 million. The five-year average is 5.7 million plants sold. The 2014 decrease in sales was the result of two contributing factors:

- 1. The closure of General Andrews Nursery as a seedling production facility in 2013.
- 2. Insufficient seedling inventories at Badoura Nursery to meet private landowner demands.

In 2014, all seedlings were produced and shipped statewide from Badoura State Forest Nursery. Private sales inventories were not available in numbers to meet private landowner demands on several key species. Consequently, sales to private landowners decreased from 2.15 million in 2013 to 1.17 million in 2014.

Time is needed to continue the transition to one state nursery. Seedling inventories and available species for 2015 will be below the desired target of 5.3 million seedlings. Full inventory of 5.8 million to 6 million seedlings should be reached by 2016.

There were no price increases on conifer or hardwood seedlings in 2014. There was a 6 cent per seedling increase in wildlife packets.

The balance forward in the Forest Nursery Account as shown in Table 5 (page 10) is \$1,731,726. The balance is anticipated to be adequate to maintain the self-sufficiency of the State Forest Nursery Program in Fiscal Year 2015.

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Introduction

Minnesota's state forest nurseries began producing conservation-grade seedlings for reforestation in the early 1930s, with over 1 billion seedlings produced and planted by 2009. Through 2014, both public lands and private landowners have purchased and planted more than a half-billion seedlings.

Beginning July 1, 2014, the State Forest Nursery Program changed from a two nursery program to a one nursery statewide distribution program. All seedlings are now produced at the Badoura State Forest Nursery, located 10 miles south of Akeley in southern Hubbard County.

The Department of Natural Resources is required by law (*Minnesota Statutes*, section 89.36, subd. 4) to submit an annual report to the Legislature on state forest nursery seedling production:

89.36 PRODUCING AND PROCURING PLANTING STOCK

Subd. 4. **Annual report.** The commissioner [of natural resources] shall submit an annual report to the legislature [by April 15 of each year] relating to the production of planting stock at state nurseries. The report must include the following:

- (1) sale figures;
- (2) income figures; and
- (3) expenses for operations and administration.

Copies of the report must be filed with the Legislative Reference Library and made available to the public. The commissioner shall also provide any additional information requested by the Legislature relating to the production of planting stock at the state nursery. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 89.36, subd.1 also requires the state forest nursery to limit its total production to not more than 10 million seedlings each year. In addition to seedlings produced, the state forest nursery has annually purchased between 100,000 and 1 million seedlings from private producers for resale to its customers. Seedlings purchased from the state forest nursery are to be used to establish or reforest wood lots, windbreaks, and shelterbelts or used for erosion control, soil and water conservation, environmental education, or permanent food and cover for wildlife.



Our mission is to produce Minnesota-hardy, bareroot seedlings of high quality, reasonably priced for you, the woodland steward. We are dedicated to helping protect the sustainability of Minnesota's diverse forest resources and continuing our state's proud tree-planting heritage.

Sales and Production Summary State Forest Nursery Program

Fiscal Year 2014

Table 1: Seedlings Produced / Purchased and Sold

Туре	Number	Percent	
Trees Produced by State Nurseries and Sold	4,521,622	95	
Privately Produced Trees Purchased by			
State Nurseries and Sold	217,450	5	
Total	4,739,072	100	

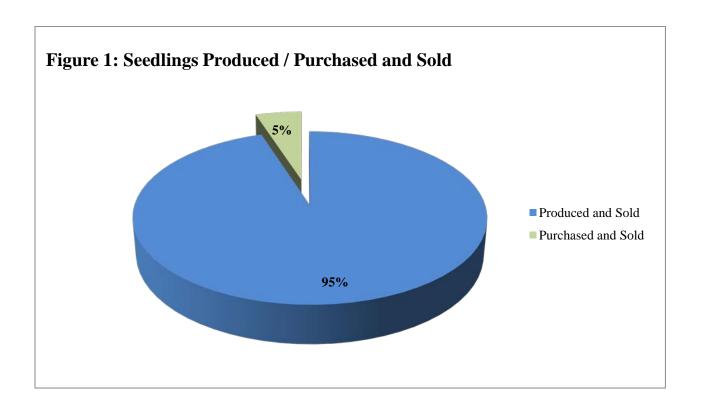


Table 2: Seedling Distribution

Type	Number	Percent
Sales to Public Land	3,565,922	75
Sales to Private Lands	1,173,150	25
Total	4,739,072	100

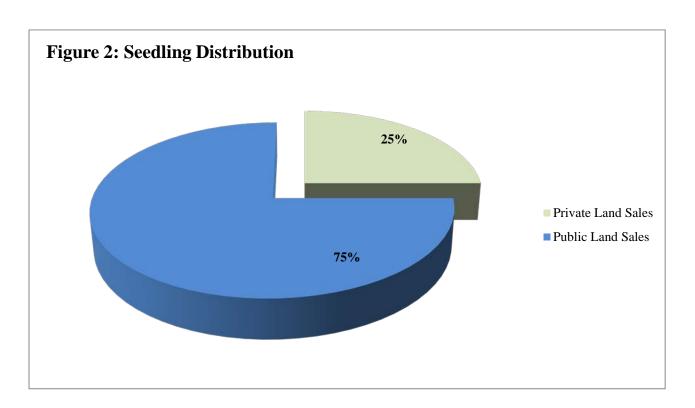
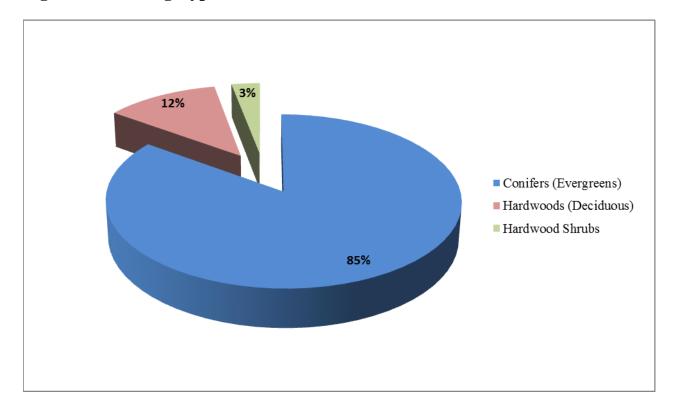


Table 3: Seedling Types

Туре	Number	Percent		
Conifers (Evergreens)	4,050,690	85		
Hardwoods (Deciduous)	546,432	12		
Hardwood Shrubs	141,950	3		
Total	4,739,072	100		

Figure 3: Seedling Types



Summary of Fiscal Year 2014 Sales by Species and Producer

Product - Conifers	State-Produced Trees	Purchased Trees	Total Trees Shipped
NORWAY PINE SMALL	659,300		659,300
NORWAY PINE 6"+	828,890		828,890
NORWAY PINE TR	112,350		112,350
NORWAY PINE	58,600		58,600
WHITE PINE SMALL	223,180		223,180
WHITE PINE 5"+	346,050		346,050
WHITE PINE TR	79,200		79,200
JACK PINE	153,900		153,900
JACK PINE IMP	419,800		419,800
WHITE SPRUCE 5"+	445,450		445,450
WHITE SPRUCE IMP	492,070		492,070
WHITE SPRUCE TR	86,500		86,500
BLACK SPRUCE	31,200		31,200
TAMARACK	11,900		11,900
BALSAM FIR	15,000		15,000
BALSAM FIR 4-0	19,300		19,300
WHITE CEDAR	43,900		43,900
WHITE CEDAR 4-0	6,700		6,700
RED CEDAR	16,500		16,500
RED CEDAR TR	900		900
Product - Hardwoods	State-Produced Trees	Purchased Trees	Total Trees Shipped
RED OAK	211,600	50,000	261,600
BUR OAK	17,150	30,000	47,150
WHITE OAK	27,100	12000	39,100
SWAMP WHITE OAK	3,200		3,200
SILVER MAPLE	19,050		19,050
RED MAPLE	1,000		1,000
SUGAR MAPLE	100		100
BASSWOOD		3,000	3,000
PAPER BIRCH	8,000		8,000
YELLOW BIRCH	24,732	20.000	24,732
HYBRID POPLAR	9,750	20,000	29,750
COTTONWOOD	10,400		10,400
BLACK WALNUT BUTTERNUT	74,300		74,300 100
I DI I I PK NI I			100
	100		
BITTERNUT HICKORY	1,100		1,100
		9,000	

Product - Shrubs	State-Produced Trees	Purchased Trees	Total Trees Shipped
AMERICAN HAZELNUT		500	500
PIN CHERRY	500	500	1,000
CHOKECHERRY	12,450	15,000	27,450
JUNEBERRY	8,650		8,650
WILD PLUM	14,000	10,000	24,000
HIGH BUSH CRANBERRY	1,250	12,000	13,250
RED OSIER DOGWOOD		20,000	20,000
GRAY DOGWOOD	11,650	4,000	15,650
NINEBARK		450	450
CRABAPPLE		26,000	26,000
NANNYBERRY		5,000	5,000
Totals	4,521,622	217,450	4,739,072

Total State-Produced Stock Sold	4,521,622
Purchased Stock Sold	217,450
TOTAL STOCK SOLD AND REPLACED	4,739,072

Basis of Accounting

The State Forest Nursery Program is operated on a fiscal self-sufficiency basis. Over time, the revenues must cover expenditures. Some seedlings take up to five years to produce. Costs are incurred each year of production; however, approximately 70 percent of the total cost is incurred in the last year of production for lifting, packing, and shipping. In a given year, sales are defined as the revenues from seedlings *delivered* to customers that year from July 1 through June 30. The costs reported for that year are the production costs for all the seedlings in the inventory, not just for those seedlings sold. In addition, seedlings in limited amounts are purchased from outside sources for resale to create unique habitat packages or meet demand. Because of this, a small surplus or deficit may occur in a given year, but over time, revenues and expenditures must balance.

89.36 PRODUCING AND PROCURING PLANTING STOCK

Subdivision 1. **Production at state nurseries.** The commissioner of natural resources may produce tree planting stock for the purposes of sections 89.35 to 89.39 upon any lands under control of the commissioner which may be deemed suitable and available therefore so far as not inconsistent with other uses to which such lands may be dedicated by law. The commissioner may not produce more than 10,000,000 units of planting stock annually, after January 1, 2003.

Subd. 2. **Purchase of stock.** The commissioner of natural resources may purchase tree planting stock for the purposes herein authorized under the provisions of sections 89.35 to 89.39, or any other applicable law now or hereafter in force. The commissioner must give preference for Minnesota-grown planting stock.

In a given fiscal year, a significant portion of the "sales" has not been paid into the Forest Nursery Account and realized as cash receipts. This is because not all seedling payments are received before the close of the fiscal year on June 30 and an accounts receivable balance is carried into the new fiscal year. In addition, receipts from prior years' sales have been realized. Therefore, the cash receipts showing in the state accounting system (SWIFT) will differ from sales for that fiscal year.

The 2005 Legislature (Special Session) amended the following statute to allow up to \$250,000 per year to be used from the Forest Nursery Account for forestry education and technical assistance:

89.37 DISTRIBUTING PLANTING STOCK

Subd. 4. **Proceeds of sale.** All money received in payment for tree planting stock supplied under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a forest nursery account and are available to the commissioner of natural resources for the purposes of sections 89.35 to 89.37, including up to \$250,000 per year for forestry education and technical assistance.

In Fiscal Year 2014, no monies were used from the Forest Nursery Account for these purposes.

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Table 4: Statement of Revenues and Costs						
	Forest Nursery Account					
	Fiscal Year 2014					
Revenues						
	Total Sales Fiscal Year 2014	\$2,000,447				
	Adjustments	(\$81,984)				
	Investment Income	\$7,000				
	Total Revenues					
Costs						
	Salary and Other Compensation	\$1,009,070				
	Supplies and Expenses	\$326,607				
	Equipment and Capital Improvements					
	\$365,753					
	Total Costs	\$1,703,114				
Difference	Revenues Minus Costs	\$222,349				

Table :	5: Cash Receipts and Forest Nursery Acc Fiscal Year 201	count	es
Balance Forward—In			
Prior Year			\$1,694,554
Adjusted Balance			-0-
Adjusted Balance			
Forward—In			\$1,694,554
Cash Receipts			
	Cash From Accounts		
	Receivable	\$1,038,722	
	Collections**		
	Cash Sales	\$704,124	
	Investment Income	\$7,000	
Fiscal Year 2014 Total Receipts			\$1,749,846
Fiscal Year 2014 Expenditures			(\$1,703,114)
Fiscal Year 2014			(42,100,111)
Encumbrance Yet to Be Paid			(\$9,560)
Balance Forward—Out			\$1,731,726

Table 6: Accounts Rec	Table 6: Accounts Receivable Reconciliation				
Forest Nurs	Forest Nursery Account				
Fiscal Y	ear 2014				
Accounts Receivable 6/30/13	\$1,035,705				
Total Sales Fiscal Year 2014	\$2,000,447				
Adjustments*	(\$81,802)				
Total		\$2,954,350			
Fiscal Year 2014 Accounts Receivable Collections **	\$1,567,902				
Fiscal Year 2014 Cash Sales	\$704,124				
Total		\$2,272,026			
Accounts Receivable 6/30/14		\$682,324			

WIRES reports were used for the amounts billed, collected, and adjusted. The Department of Natural Resources' revenue/receivable system is WIRES (Web Integrated Revenue/Receivable System).

^{*}Adjustments are used to cancel and/or correct invoice amounts and write-offs (e.g., people canceling or changing their seedling order amounts).

^{**} Table 5, FY14 Collections is for amounts collected through 6/30/14. The Table 6 Accounts Receivable Collections amount includes \$562,474 received after 6/30/14 for budget FY14.



Table 7: ALLOTMENTS WITHIN APPROPRIATION REPORT

Run DateTime: 11/24/2014 11:09 AM

Source Report #: KK001 As of Date: 11/24/2014

Selection Criteria: Budget Period - 2014, Fund - 2001 to 2001, Agency - R29, AppropID - R293204 to R293204

AGENCY: R29 Natural Resources Dept

Budget Period: 2014 Fund: 2001 DeptID: R2910000 AppropID: R293204

Other Misc Special Revenue Dept of Natural Resources

FOR Nurseries Account

AppropID Short Descr	Approp Type	Bud Auth Opt	Legal Citation	Bud Program	Bud Activity	Budget Status
For Nurser	04	E	MS 89.37 4	R2930	R293010	Hold

Appropriations	
Original	0
Current	0
Cancel	0
Reduction	0
Other Classes	0

<u>Receipts</u>	
Original Estimate	2,228,000
Current Estimate	1,320,184
Collected	1,812,082
Variance Est-Col	-491,898
Dedicated Cap	0
-	

Roll Forward	
Roll Forward In	1,694,587
Roll Forward Out	1,694,587 1,794,311

Transfers	
Anticipated In	0
Actual In	0
Anticipated Out	0
Actual Out	0

Allotment-Free	-80,472
Uncommitted	0
Unexpended	9,244

	Budgeted	Remaining
Budget/Encumbrance Authority	1,712,358	0
Spending Authority	1,712,358	9,244
Transfer Authority	1,712,358	9,244

ALLOTMENT BALANCES

	<u>Account</u>		<u>Pre-</u>	Encumbered/			
Allotment DeptID and Descr	Group	Budget	Encumbere	Committed	Expended	Unobligated	Unexpended
R2923739-FOR Badoura Nursery	PAYRLL	1,009,070	0	0	1,009,070	0	0
R2923739-FOR Badoura Nursery	NONPAY	783,760	0	9,244	694,044	80,472	89,716
R2923776-FOR CO PFM Stewardship	NONPAY	0	0	0	0	0	0
	_	1,792,830	0	9,244	1,703,114	80,472	89,716
Totals by Account Group							
Payroll Allotments	PAYRLL	1,009,070	0	0	1,009,070	0	0
Non-Payroll Allotments	NONPAY	783,760	0	9,244	694,044	80,472	89,716



Table 8: MANAGER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Run DateTime: 11/24/2014 11:15 AM

Source Report #: KK002 As of Date: 11/24/**2014**

Selection Criteria: Budget Period - 2014, Fund - 2001 to 2001, DeptID - R2933739 to R2933739, AppropID - R293204 to R293204

Break On: Budget Period, Fund

Budget Period: 2014 Fund: 2001 DeptID: RANGE AppropID: RANGE

Other Misc Special Revenue R2933739 to R2933739 R293204 to R293204

Remaining Payroll Projection Full-Time (41000): \$0.00 Part-Time (41030): \$0.00 Total: \$0.00

Account Class and Description	Current	Pre-	Encumbered/			
	Budget	Encumbered	Committed	Expended	Unobligated	Unexpended
41000 Full Time - Salary	317,130.12	0.00	0.00	317,130.12	0.00	0.00
41030 Part-Time-Seasonal-Labor Serv	550,730.37	0.00	0.00	550,730.37	0.00	0.00
41050 Overtime and Premium Pay	25,148.92	0.00	0.00	25,148.92	0.00	0.00
41070 Other Employee Cost	116,060.87	0.00	0.00	116,060.87	0.00	0.00
41100 Space Rental And Utilities	46,466.20	0.00	0.00	41,018.13	5,448.07	5,448.07
41110 Printing And Advertising	20,477.58	0.00	0.00	20,477.58	0.00	0.00
41130 Prof-Tech Serv-Outside Vend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
41155 Communications	28,029.17	0.00	0.00	27,950.94	78.23	78.23
41160 Trav-Sub-InState-Border Comm	140,034.49	0.00	0.00	64,491.37	75,543.12	75,543.12
41180 Employee Development	2,612.37	0.00	0.00	2,612.37	0.00	0.00
41190 State Agcy-Prov Prof-Tech Serv	1,552.00	0.00	0.00	1,552.00	0.00	0.00
41195 IT St Agcy Prof/Tech Svc	500.00	0.00	120.00	380.00	0.00	120.00
41300 Supplies	415,888.04	0.00	9,123.57	326,607.22	80,157.25	89,280.82
41400 Equipment	1,683.57	0.00	0.00	1,683.57	0.00	0.00
41500 Repairs To Equip & Furn	2,776.94	0.00	0.00	2,776.94	0.00	0.00
42010 Statewide Indirect Costs	8,540.44	0.00	0.00	8,540.44	0.00	0.00
42030 State Agency Reimbursements	-3,241.51	0.00	0.00	-3,241.51	0.00	0.00
42040 Agency Direct Costs	191,791.16	0.00	0.00	191,791.16	0.00	0.00
43000 Other Operating Costs	7,994.99	0.00	0.00	7,403.89	591.10	591.10
47010 Building-Improvement-Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
499CL Expense Budget Closing-NonPay	-81,345.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	-81,345.58	-81,345.58
	Total 1,792,830.14	0.00	9,243.57	1,703,114.38	80,472.19	89,715.76
Report To	otal 1,792,830.14	0.00	9,243.57	1,703,114.38	80,472.19	89,715.76

Table 9: Nursery Expenditure Report FY 2014

Badoura Nursery	Fund 2001	Approp. R293204	Account	_	enditures 566,855.17
Receipts Collections Report ITC Interest Earnings Nursery Seed Cone Nursery Seedlings Total	2001	R293204	512052 636022 636023	\$	295.50 179,087.54 890,398.34 069,781.38
Billing and Write-offs Adjustments Collected amount on Allot Approp Reports	2001 2001	R293204 R293204		\$ (2	367,971.99 22,544.46) 312,082.00
Outstanding Amount	2001	R293204		\$	575,646.15
Salaries From MFR Reports Full-time Salary - 41000 Part-time-Seasonal-Labor Serv 41030 Overtime and Premium Pay 41050 Other Employee Cost 41070 Total Salaries				\$: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	Badoura R2933739 R293204 317,130.12 550,730.37 25,148.92 116,060.87 009,070.28
Other expenses Space Rental and Utilities 41100 Printing and Advertising 41110 Communications 41155 Travel-Sub-InState-Border Comm (includes Fleet) 41160 Employee Development 41180 State Agcy-Prov Prof-Tech Serv 41190 IT St Agcy Prof/Tech Svc 41195 Supplies 41300 Equipment 41400 Repairs to Equip & Furn 41500 Statewide Indirect Costs 42010 State Agency Reimbrusements 42030 Agency Direct Costs 42040 Other Operating Costs 43000 Total Expenditures				\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Badoura R2933739 R293204 41,018.13 20,477.58 27,950.94 64,491.37 2,612.37 1,552.00 380.00 326,607.22 1,683.57 2,776.94 8,540.44 (3,241.51) 191,791.16 7,403.89 694,044.10

\$ 1,703,114.38

Table 10: Nursery Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable 6/30/13			1,035,705	From last year's report
Billed amount from WIRES Qtrly AR Billings, Adjustments, & Write off Report Fiscal Year 2014 Cash Sales (WIRES All Receipt Report - Misc. Transactions total) Subtotal sales	Total	1,296,323 704,124 2,000,447	2,000,447	Billings minus internal customer credit
Adjustments and write offs from WIRES Qtrly AR Billings, Adjustments & Write offs Report F Adjustments and write offs from WIRES Qtrly AR Billings, Adjustments & Write offs Report F		(50,239) (31,745) (81,984)		
Cash Receipts from WIRES Qtrly A/R Collections Report for prior year invoices Cash Receipts from WIRES Qtrly A/R Collections Report for FY2014 invoices		562,474 1,005,428 1,567,902		
Fiscal Year 2014 Cash Sales (WIRES All Receipt Report - Misc. Transactions total)	Total	704,124 2,272,026	2,272,026	
Accounts Receivable 6	/30/2014		682,142.22	
Collected Revenues 9	/30/2014		1,749,846.00	
WIRES Qtrly A/R Collections Report for FY2014 invoices WIRES Qtrly A/R Collections Report for FY2014 invoices WIRES All Receipts - Misc Transactions WIRES All Receipts - Misc Transactions Interest Refunds Refunds All Maint that clears previous fiscal year invoices All Maint that clears previous fiscal year invoices		636022 636023 636022 636023 512001 636022 636023 636022	149,059.73 856,367.83 7,321.90 696,802.08 7,000.00 - (18,280.55) (938.00) 52,513.14 1,749,846.13	
Revenue posted after 9/30/2014			62,235.70	
Fiscal year 2014 total revenue			1,812,181.83	

Table 11: State Nurseries Cash Flow Analysis

FY 2005-2014

D	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	3 Yr Avg	5 Yr Avg	7 Yr Avg	10 Yr Avg
Beg Balance	1,492,413	1,364,862	1,310,907	1,483,206	1,777,359	1,561,088	1,085,542	1,013,760	1,447,831	1,694,587	1,385,393	1,360,562	1,437,625	1,423,156
Revenues	2,286,199	2,250,851	2,377,173	2,699,200	2,051,069	1,689,130	2,025,262	1,953,692	1,799,953	1,812,082	1,855,242	1,856,024	2,004,341	2,094,461
Expenses End	2,413,750	2,304,806	2,204,874	2,405,047	2,267,340	2,164,676	2,097,044	1,674,691	1,567,588	1,792,830	1,679,370	1,859,366	1,995,602	2,089,265
Balance	1,364,862	1,310,907	1,483,206	1,777,359	1,561,088	1,085,542	1,013,760	1,292,761	1,680,196	1,703,114	1,558,690	1,355,075	1,444,831	1,427,280

