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### **State Tree Nursery Holding Annual Seed Purchase**

Clements State Tree Nursery in West Columbia is once again purchasing seed from in-state seed collectors. Nursery personnel are specifically interested in seed from hickory, tulip poplar, butternut, Chinese chestnut and various oak trees.

Superintendent Jason Huffman said that the nursery needs to purchase seed in order to grow the state's next generation of trees.

“On average, Clements State Tree Nursery grows more than two million seedlings annually, the majority of which are sold to be replanted in areas across the state,” Huffman said. “Seed that comes from West Virginia's hardwoods is superior in quality and the seedlings have a better chance of survival.”

Seed collection is open to any individual or group and prices per seed species vary. All persons interested in selling seed to the nursery must currently be a registered vendor with the state or be able to become one.

Those who want to sell acorns must first contact the nursery to get an allotment. Acorns may not be gathered prior to Sept. 15, and all acorns must be received by the nursery by Nov. 14.

For information about prices, allotments, pickup or shipping of seeds, contact the nursery at (304) 675-1820 or [Clements.State.TreeNursery@wv.gov](mailto:Clements.State.TreeNursery@wv.gov).

For more information about Clements State Tree Nursery, visit the Division of Forestry's Web site, [www.wvforestry.com](http://www.wvforestry.com).

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