

Nursery/Tree Improvement Section 2007 Issues/Accomplishments

Accomplishments:

- 4,816,107 seedlings sold generating \$1,524,784 in revenue and approximately 8,000 Acres being reforested.
- 97% recovery in revenue to operating costs.
- Capability of Seed Orchard irrigation now in place.
- Over 1 million seeds collected from existing seed orchards for use in Nursery Production goals of various species.
- Second phase of seedbed tiling project completed.
- Completion of seedbed irrigation conversion from below ground to an all above ground system.
- Availability and sales of “Select” seedling stock of Black Walnut, Butternut, White Oak and Red Oak.
- Arranged the contract to produce 2500 “President Lincoln” Lilacs for Indiana elementary schools to be available in spring 2009. Plants will be received spring 2008 and will be lined out for further development.
- Continuation of increasing seed orchard acreage.
- Scale back of JP nursery continues. All production moved to Vallonia. Seedbeds mothballed for future production if demand warrants.
- Provided wildflowers for IDOT and other state properties/agencies.
- Provided 60,000+ plants for state wide Arbor Day events.
- Upon shutdown of Medaryville Correctional Facility, worked out a plan to receive offenders from Westville Correctional Facility.

Issues:

- Out of State seedling sales for excess stock. Affidavit completion of landowners living out of state wishing to plant seedlings in Indiana.
- Declining Federal Programs and nursery seedling sales.
- Rising costs of Nursery cultural practices goods and services.