

# PROPAGATION

At Lawyer Nursery, Inc, we specialize in field grown seedlings. Between our nurseries in Plains, Mont. and Olympia, Wash., we grow of a wide variety of both conifer and deciduous seedlings and transplants. Our seed propagation is a year round, team effort that requires careful attention to seed quality, seed stratification, timing of sowing, and germination conditions.

We propagate most crops in the field, but certain crops benefit from starting out as small plugs in the greenhouses. These are then transplanted to the field for subsequent growth and conditioning.



*Plug crops in the greenhouse, Olympia, WA.*

We stratify seed directly in the field or in our cooler and sow in nearly all seasons; spring, summer, and fall. Our goal is to produce high quality products that provide our customers with plants primed to grow and thrive.

Our greenhouse plug program produces seedlings as well as rooted cuttings for our transplant program. This enables us to improve performance of those species that are difficult to propagate directly in the field. Although some of our plugs are available for sale as plug (P-0) material, most plug crops are for transplanting to our fields for further development.

Rooted cuttings allow us to produce true-to-name varieties that are in demand in our industry. Most of our rooted cuttings originate from our own stock blocks. These rooted cuttings are then grown for an additional full growing season in the field to make the RC-1 grade a more “finished” plant.

New approaches to production have led to improvements in plant quality. With modern transplanting equipment and experienced staff, we are able to move plants from the greenhouse to the field at the ideal time of year. Depending on the crop, greenhouse propagated material is transplanted in early spring or mid-summer to enhance the product by improving the root system and the finished size.

Our hardworking nursery staff help to produce a quality product for our customers. Please let us know of your interests and needs in order for us to continue to provide stock for the changing trends in the industry.



*Seed bed prep, spring seeding and irrigation set-up in Olympia, WA.*



*Transplanting in Plains, MT.*