

“Trees for Oklahoma” Seedling Program

Eligible Counties

Atoka
Bryan (east half)
Choctaw
Haskell
Latimer
LeFlore
McCurtain
Pittsburg
Pushmataha



Who is the Huber Engineered Woods?

Huber Engineered Woods is a division of J.M. Huber Corporation, one of the largest and oldest family-owned and operated corporations in America. We trace our roots back to the late 1800s when our founders established an inking and dye business based on strong ethical values, customer focus, family ownership and respect for people.

The business continues to follow its roots in these guiding and other business principles, and strives to achieve its primary purpose:

To make the world a better place by growing an innovative, profitable company that we will be proud to tell our grandchildren about.



Trees For Oklahoma

Pine Seedling Program



**A Cooperative Program
Sponsored by**

**Huber Engineered Woods
and
Oklahoma Forestry Services**

*Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
Food and Forestry*

What is the Trees for Oklahoma Seedling Program?

The Huber “Trees for Oklahoma” seedling program is an initiative intended to increase pine seedling reproduction and reforestation on recently harvested land or on lands being converted to forest. The program is funded by the Huber Engineered Woods LLC and will be administered by the Forestry Services Division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

The goal of the program is to help private landowners establish up to one million pine seedlings throughout southeastern Oklahoma on an annual basis. The program’s pine seedlings are grown by the State Forest Regeneration Center from genetically improved seed produced at the Forest Tree Improvement Center in Idabel, and are provided at no cost to qualifying non-industrial private forest landowners (NIPF) in Oklahoma.



What are the requirements for participation?

Huber Engineered Woods’ program requires the following for participation:

1. All landowners wanting to obtain free trees must have a forest management plan and/or short-term regeneration prescription written by an Oklahoma Forestry Services (OFS) forester. The plan must be submitted to and approved by a OFS Forester prior to seedling distribution.
2. All plantings must be at least five (5) acres in size, must not exceed sixty (60) total acres per ownership per year, and must be intended for the successful establishment of a future timber crop.
3. Seedlings must be distributed by the local OFS Forester, the State Forest Regeneration Center or the Forest Tree Improvement Center. The State’s standard seedling order form must be used, provided that “Huber Seedlings” is written prominently on the form and it is accompanied by an endorsement by the OFS Forester.
4. Seedlings can be issued as part of all currently available cost-share programs in Oklahoma (e.g., FRDP), or may be planted without federal or state financial help.
5. Seedlings must be planted by an approved tree-planting contractor, or they may be planted by the qualifying landowner provided a written silvicultural prescription is followed. A field check by the OFS Forester should be required during the planting operation.
6. The Huber Engineered Woods requires that a copy of the *Tree Planting Plan for Participating Landowners* (including a tract map and/or description) is submitted to the Wood Procurement Office in Broken Bow.

Why establish a pine plantation?

1. Oklahoma’s pine and hardwood fiber resources are becoming of increased interest to the wood industry. These expanding markets will create a stronger future demand for raw material to meet growing consumer demands.
2. Artificially regenerated trees are genetically superior to any volunteer stocking, and will produce more wood volume per acre in a shorter time period.
3. Bare, “cut-over” land takes a longer time to regenerate in desirable trees, costing the landowner in both lost financial opportunity and aesthetic value of the property.
4. Reforestation practices provide wildlife value and increased recreational opportunities on NIPF lands.
5. Reforestation provides opportunities for an NIPF landowner to diversify their financial portfolio.

Getting started!

You can obtain information about the program from any of the following Oklahoma Forestry Services offices:

Antlers District Office – 580-298-5122
Battiest District Office – 580-241-5375
Broken Bow Area Office – 580-584-3351
Idabel Tree Improvement Ctr. – 580-286-3552
Talihina District Office – 918-567-2021
Wilburton Area Office – 918-465-2082

Information is also available from:

Huber Engineered Woods Procurement Office
1000 James T Tucker Road
Broken Bow, OK 74728
580-584-7900