

Nursery Production

A total of 1,642,089,000 trees were produced (shipped) by forest tree nurseries in the United States in FY 1998. This is an increase of 18 million trees (2%) over the 1,623,978,000 trees reported for FY 1997.

By Sector

Forest Industry. Nurseries owned by forest product companies produced 772,630,000 million trees in FY 1998, 47% of all production and 79 million less than in 1997.

Other Industry. Private nurseries not owned by forest industry produced 315,320,000 million trees in 1998, a decrease of 50 million trees from last year.

State Nurseries. State nurseries produced 480 million trees (29% of U.S. total) in FY 1998, as compared with 348 million in FY 1997.

Other Public Nurseries. Federal nurseries produced 62 million trees in FY 1998, 4% of the U.S. total, and 9 million more trees than they grew in 1997.

Only 11 million trees were reported as being produced by nurseries operated by local governments in FY 1998.

State and Regional Highlights

The Top States. Twelve States each produced 55 million or more trees in their nurseries in FY 1998. Georgia topped the list again in 1998 with 357 million trees, followed by Florida with 154 million. Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas each produced over 100 million trees.

Together, these six States produced 65% of the nursery trees in the United States.

Regional Notes. The South produced almost 1.3 billion forest trees (80% of U.S. total) and 30 million more than last year. Nursery output was down in the West and totaled 186 million (11% of U.S. total). Nursery production in the North was reported at only 148 million (9% of U.S. total).

Appendix Tables

Nursery production, in thousands of trees, by ownership category is presented in appendix table 7.

Nursery production by region in FY 1998:

Region	Million seedlings	Percent of total
North	148	9
South	1,307	80
West	186	11
Total	1,624	100



States with nursery production of 55 million or more trees in FY 1998

Georgia	357 million
Florida	154 million
Alabama	127 million
Arkansas	125 million
Texas	106 million
Mississippi	101 million
South Carolina	97 million
North Carolina	85 million
Oregon	67 million
Louisiana	66 million
Washington	63 million
Virginia	57 million