## FLORIDA DIVISION OF FORESTRY

M. D. 'Six' Andrews Nursery Chiefland, Florida

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#### **Our Mission**

- To provide quality tree seedlings to any forest landowner in Florida. This includes private, non-industrial landowners, state owned lands (State Forests, State Parks, Water Management Districts, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission), Federal Lands, counties, municipalities, forest (and citrus!) industry.
- To provide these seedlings at cost.



#### What Do We Grow?

- Bare Root Seedlings -
  - Started from seed.
  - Grown directly in nursery soil
  - Carefully pulled from soil during the winter, packaged, and shipped.
  - Traditional reforestation method and seedling type
  - Currently 8-10 million/year









#### **Bare Root Seedlings**

- Longleaf pine (open collected and improved)
- Sand Pine (Ocala and Choctawhatchee)
- North Florida Slash Pine (var. elliottii)
  - Andrews 'X' Slash (southernmost source of north Florida slash pine)
  - Rust Resistant, Pitch Canker Resistant, High Growth, 1.0, 1.5, and 2.0 generations
- South Florida Slash Pine (var. densa)
- Improved South Florida slash (???)
- Baldcypress/Pondcypress

# **Bare Root Sales Restrictions**

- The following are only available for sale to government agencies until private bare root nurseries are sold out.
  - Baldcypress (\$125/M)
  - Pondcypress (\$125/M)
  - Choctawhatchee Sand Pine (\$40/M)
  - North Florida slash pines (except Andrews 'X') (\$37-\$45/M)

## Bare Root Seedlings – Unrestricted Sales

- Improved Longleaf (\$75/M)
- Longleaf (\$70/M)
- Improved Ocala Sand Pine (\$40/M)
- South Florida Slash (\$40/M)
- Improved South Florida Slash (\$45/M)
- Andrews 'X' slash (\$35/M)

# Containerized Seedlings – No Restrictions

- Longleaf pine (3.3 million)
- South Florida Slash (350,000)
- Improved South Florida Slash (100,000)
- Andrews 'X' Slash (100,000)
- Choctawhatchee Sand (30,000)
- Ocala Sand Pine (30,000)
- Wiregrass (1,000,000)

## **Container Seedling Prices**

 All containerized pine seedlings (longleaf, slash, south Florida slash, sand pines) are \$160/M

Containerized wiregrass is \$210/M

## Containerized Seedling Production

- Winter and Summer Crops
- Overall Better Survival
- Increasing Demand across southeast (All DOF state forest Longleaf orders are for containerized seedlings)
- Requires more room for storage and shipping













## **Delivery Costs...???**



#### Redcedars...???

Redcedars were grown at Andrews Nursery until the early 1990's when production was turned over to private sector nurseries. DOF does not produce redcedar, either bare root or containerized.

# **Bare Root Redcedar Nurseries**

- Stansel Nursery (386) 963-2827
- Superior Trees (850) 971-5159
- Central Florida Lands
  and Timber Nursery (386) 294-1211

#### Thoughts, Concerns, ....

- Step up bare root or container seedlings to "deep pot" configuration before placement in grove.
- Andrews Nursery used this method to have robust plants ready for replacing nursery windbreaks three years ago.
- Less than a year from container seedling to captured pot.
- Need special nursery configuration to hold pots so they don't fall over.

# Longleaf in Deep Pots



### Thoughts, Concerns,...

- Install as many types (configurations, species) of windbreaks as possible to start inflow of information.
- Be aware of the genetic origin of the seedlings you purchase.
- Expect surprises/setbacks, be flexible.
- New businesses may develop to support the establishment of windbreaks (e.g. nurseries that take seedlings and step them up to larger, potted stock; windbreak installation companies.)
- Share information.



