



Conservation Connection

Wood County
Land Conservation Department

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Hunt Out Hunger

Hunters can help feed needy people throughout Wood County this fall by taking the following simple steps.

1. Donate any legally harvested deer by dropping it off at one of the participating processors listed below by January 31, 2016.
2. Prior to donating, field dress the deer, register it and write your registration confirmation number on the carcass tag.
3. Call first! Contact one of the participating processors listed below before dropping the deer off to verify the processor has space to accept your deer.
4. Donate the entire deer to receive the processing for free. (Head and/or antlers may be removed for mounting.) Please handle the carcass as if it were destined for your own table. A couple bags of ice placed in the cavity will help preserve the carcass in warm weather.
5. Donate a pound or as many pounds as you'd like when you pay to have your deer processed at one of the processors listed below. These processors will add the venison to the donated venison batch and package it for local food pantries,
6. When dropping your deer off at a processor, please complete the log sheet indicating your desire to donate the deer. We'll do the rest. The donated deer will be processed and the venison will be distributed to charitable organizations to help feed Wood County's needy.

PARTICIPATING PROCESSORS IN WOOD COUNTY

A & B Butchering - Rudolph - 715-435-3893

Hewitt's Meat Processing - Marshfield - 715-676-3654

Strictly Wild - Wisconsin Rapids - 715-421-0587

Pittsville Meats - Pittsville - 715-884-6816

VENISON

**IT'S WHAT'S
FOR
DINNER**



2016 Tree Sale Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Email Address : _____

SPECIES	# PER BUNDLE	QUANTITY (# of Bundles)	PRICE PER BUNDLE	SUBTOTAL
WILDLIFE SHRUBS				
Elderberry - 12 - 18"	25 per bundle		\$ 20.00	
Ninebark - 12 - 24"	25 per bundle		\$ 16.00	
Serviceberry - 12 - 18 "	25 per bundle		\$ 20.00	
Silky Dogwood - 12 - 24"	25 per bundle		\$ 16.00	
TREES				
Bur Oak - 24 - 36"	25 per bundle		\$ 20.00	
Concolor Fir - 6-12 "	25 per bundle		\$ 22.00	
Sugar Maple - 12 - 18"	25 per bundle		\$ 21.00	
White Pine -10 - 15"	25 per bundle		\$ 20.00	
White Spruce - 15 - 24"	25 per bundle		\$ 22.00	
TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF TREES - SHRUBS ORDERED				\$
SPECIAL ITEMS				
	QUANTITY		UNIT PRICE	
<u>Generic Gel</u>				
4 oz. - \$7.25, 1 lb. - \$12.25, 3 lb. - \$22.25	_____	X	_____	= \$ _____
<u>Tree Shelters</u>				
	_____	X	\$ 2.15	= \$ _____
(Trees/Shrubs + Generic Gel + Tree Shelters) SUBTOTAL				\$
(5.5% Sales Tax) SUBTOTAL x .055				\$
ORDER TOTAL				\$

ORDER DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2016

Payment must accompany your order. Please make checks payable to: Wood County LCD

Please mail order along with payment to:

Wood County Land Conservation Department
PO Box 8095
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8095

Tree and Shrub Descriptions



Elderberry (*Sambucus Canadensis*) 10-12 feet mature height. White flowers produce small purple berries. Excellent summer wildlife food and cover especially for songbirds. Fruit is edible by humans (used for wines and jellies). Broad tolerance to sun and shade, soil types and moisture conditions, prefers moist sites. Recommended spacing is 4-6 feet.



Ninebark (*Physocarpus Opulifolius*) 5-9 feet in height having an upright spreading nature with recurved branches. It has large clusters of white flowers in the summer with reddish seedpods in fall. Ninebark will grow in moist to dry sites. It prefers well-drained soil and is resistant to drought. Recommended spacing is 6-8 feet.



Serviceberry (*Amelanchier Laevis*) 10-30 feet mature size. Small, upright multi-stemmed tree. Soil and moisture type widely adaptable. Full sun to partial shade. White flowers followed by purplish-blue fruit, delicious in pies and jams. Orange-red fall foliage. Recommended spacing is 6-8 feet.



Silky Dogwood (*Cornus Amomum*) up to 8 foot mature height. Silky Dogwood is a very hardy native shrub. Will grow well in moist to well drained soils in sun or shade. Has white flowers and blue berries. Recommended spacing is 6-8 feet.



Burr Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) 50-100 feet mature height. Provides food and cover for wood ducks, turkey, and deer as well as many other small mammals and songbirds. Tolerant to a broad range of soil types. Prefers well drained sites with full sun. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.



Concolor Fir (*Abies Concolor - San Juan*) Soft needles vary from silvery-blue to silvery-green. Grows best in well-drained soil and full sun. Will not do well in heavy, clay soil. Grows over 35 feet. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.



Sugar Maple (*Acer Saccharum*) Average 70 feet mature height. Grows best in moist fertile soils with partial to full shade. Produces winged seeds in the fall. The leaves turn a brilliant red, orange or yellow color in the fall. Highest sugar content in sap for Maple Syrup. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.



White Pine (*Pinus Strobus*) 50-100 feet mature height. Needles are 3-5 inches long occurring in bundles of five. Frequent nest site of numerous species of birds. White Pine is ideal for wildlife cover due to its rapid growth. Grows on sandy soils and rocky ridges, but prefers fertile well-drained soils. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.



White Spruce (*Picea Glauca*) 60-80 feet mature height. Provides nesting, roosting and winter cover to a variety of wildlife species; also, good for windbreaks. Will grow in full sun to partial shade and moist to dry soils. Recommended spacing is 10-15 feet.

Tree Shelters

The tree shelter we sell ships flat, pops up to a generous, leaf expanding 3.9 inch diameter, and installs quickly and easily with large tie holes for different staking options. The 4-foot tubes are vented to allow superior air exchange for efficient CO2 replenishment and assuring proper dormancy (hardening off) before winter. Tree shelters are available anytime throughout the year at the Wood County Land Conservation Department.



Tree Shelters - \$2.15/each + tax

Generic Gel

Generic gel is a starch absorbent that retains water and gives it back to the plant during dry periods. The gel increases plant survivability. It comes in granular form and is mixed with water. Roots are dipped into the solution prior to planting. Generic gel is available throughout the year at the Wood County Land Conservation Department. Sizes and pricing as follows:



<u>Size</u>	<u># Seedlings treated</u>	<u># Transplants treated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
4 oz.	1,000	250	\$ 7.25 + tax
1 lb.	4,000	1,000	\$ 12.25 + tax
3 lb.	12,000	3,000	\$ 22.25 + tax

Tree Planters and Tree Spades

The Wood County Land Conservation Department also has four tree planters and two tree spades for rent. For more information on the tree planters and tree spades contact the Wood County Land Conservation Department at 715-421-8475, when planting season nears in the spring of the year.

Cost-Share Available for Conservation Practices

Wood County receives a State Soil & Water Resource Management Grant which funds “soft” conservation practices such as nutrient management planning and “hard” conservation practices such as manure storage, barnyards, and grassed waterways. These conservation practices are aimed to manage manure, reduce sediment and phosphorous in Wood County. These same funds are awarded to every county in the state. Not only does the cost share dollars help

manage runoff pollution, but the dollars spent create other benefits. These include but are not limited to: better lake and stream health, better fish populations and increased human uses of these resources. Sometimes more grass areas create more wildlife habitat for birds, small mammals, and deer.

Soil is the basis for all crops grown by farmers. From the soil and the nutrients applied, crops are grown for cattle and human

consumption. Everybody should realize that healthy soil is a must for sustained agriculture and water runoff.

If you are interested in applying for cost-share dollars contact the Wood County Land Conservation Department at 715-421-8475.



2016 Prairie Grass and Wildflower Mixes Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Email Address _____

Short Prairie Seed Mixes				Tall Prairie Seed Mixes			
Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil	Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil
1/4 pound 1000 sq. ft.	\$ 75.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/4 pound 1000 sq. ft.	\$ 65.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/2 pound 2000 sq. ft.	\$130.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 pound 2000 sq. ft.	\$ 110.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 pound 1/10 acre	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 pound 1/10 acre	\$155.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pollinator Mix				Butterfly Prairie Mix			
Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil	Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil
1/4 pound 1000 sq. ft.	\$90.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/4 pound 1000 sq. ft.	\$90.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/2 pound 2000 sq. ft.	\$170.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 pound 2000 sq. ft.	\$170.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 pound 1/10 acre	\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 pound 1/10 acre	\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Restoration Mix				Erosion Control Mix			
Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil	Coverage	Cost/Unit	Dry Soil	Medium Soil
3/10 acre	\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3/10 acre	\$280.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/2 acre	\$380.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 acre	\$430.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 acre	\$600.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 acre	\$700.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subtotal	\$ _____	→ → → → +		Subtotal	\$ _____	Order Total \$ _____	
(x.055)	\$ _____			(x.055)	\$ _____		
5.5% Tax				5.5% Tax			

* For more information or a list of seeds included in each mix call our office at 715-421-8475 or go to <http://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/LandConservation/TreeSale.aspx>

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Petition Period Opens for 2016 Ag Enterprise Areas



The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is now accepting petitions for Agricultural Enterprise Areas to be designated in 2016.

Agricultural enterprise areas, or AEAs, are blocks of land that are primarily in agricultural use for farming and for businesses that serve the farming sector. They are created when at least five landowners and their local government petition for an AEA designation and the department approves the petition.

AEA designation does not limit land use within the area or protect it from development. It does allow farmers within the AEA to receive tax credits of \$5-\$10 per acre if they enter into farmland preservation agreements with the department.

The designation can also be used with local planning and zoning, conservation easements, agriculture economic development incentives, and other tools to support farming and the local farm economy.

“AEAs can provide farmers and agribusiness with certainty that they will have an agriculture infrastructure available to support their operations in the future. That way, they can invest in their businesses with confidence,” said John Petty, Administrator of DATCP’s Agricultural Resource Management Division, which houses the AEA program. “AEAs are a tool to help preserve and build rural communities. They allow for a broad range of actions that local government can take to maintain a farming base for their economies.”

Petty encouraged petitioners to involve their communities in the petition process to be sure they have support. “The external evaluation team that reviews the petitions considers the level of local support in deciding whether to recommend areas for AEA status. It is a competitive process, so petitioners need to present the strongest case they can, he said.

Petition materials, including detailed instructions and petition forms, are available online at <http://datcp.wi.gov> by searching for “petition materials.” Completed petitions are due to DATCP on April 29, 2016. Petitions must be completed jointly by local landowners and local government officials. Prospective petitioners should notify the department of their intent to apply, so they can receive announcements of workshops or webinars to help them prepare their petitions.

When AEAs designated this year take effect on January 1, Wisconsin will have 31 AEAs totaling 1.01 million acres in 23 counties, 92 towns, and the Bad River Reservation. DATCP has the authority to designate up to 2 million acres for AEAs.

For more information, farmers and local government officials should contact Coreen Fallat at 608-224-4625 or email DATCPWorkingLands@wisconsin.gov.



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Please notify the Wood County Land Conservation Department of any change of mailing address or email address so we can keep our mail lists current. If you currently receive our newsletter by mail, but prefer to receive it via email send a request to lruess@co.wood.wi.us. Also, If you want to be completely removed from our mail list please let us know.