

The Tree Seed Centre will accept priority processing requests, on a fee-for-service basis, on seedlots destined for BC Crown land reforestation.

Goal: to ensure that there is enough seed to meet sowing requests for the upcoming year, and to get high genetic gain material onto Crown Land more quickly via reforestation.

Fees: \$200 for seedlots < 40 hL
\$300 for seedlots ≥ 40 hL

Maximum crop size per seedlot / seed orchard eligible for priority processing:

- **interior lodgepole pine (Pli):** maximum of 150 hL
- **all other species:** maximum of 100 hL

Seed orchard managers need to ensure that large crops to be split into separate seedlots (one for priority processing and the others to be processed later) **have the appropriate N_e for all seedlots.**

In a normal production year, our goal is to finish priority cone and seed processing by December 31, though seed testing may not be completed by that date.

TSC guidelines when assigning priorities:

- Seed destined for BC Crown land reforestation
- Seedlots with GW ≥ 5 from BEC variants with less than 1 year supply of surplus seed as of August 1 [on SPAR]
- Early sow species and low dormancy species are prioritized over late sow species
- Seedlots at high risk of seed spoilage will be prioritized through extraction only
- Cones must be present at the TSC and **properly cured (ready for processing)**; the TSC does not flip sacks

Priority processing requests are categorized as follows:

- 1) Early sow species [Fd, Sx, Pw] with < 1 year surplus supply and GW ≥ 5
 - 2) Late sow species [Pli, Lw, Py] with < 1 year surplus supply and GW ≥ 5
 - 3) More than 1 year surplus supply and GW ≥ 5
 - 4) Seedlots not destined for Crown land;
wild stand collections with < 1 year supply to be sown this year **by pre-approval only**
- Low-dormancy species [Cw, Hw]: species priority
 - Seedlots with risk to seed quality or quantity [e.g. containing pests; in poor condition]: **priority for extraction only**
 - Family lots and / or trials are not eligible for priority processing

Please contact us about your planned priority processing requests, including:

- approximate cone volumes (hL) per seedlot and orchard
- seedlots with high pest incidence
- if the seedlot will be sown this year
- rough idea of when the cones might be ready to be delivered to the TSC

Please contact me with any comments, questions, or concerns, thanks.

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