

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:** **\$267** for seedlots < 40 hL  
**\$401** 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  $GW \geq 5$  from BEC variants with less than 1 year supply of surplus seed on SPAR as of August 1
- 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  $GW \geq 5$
  - 2) Late sow species [Pli, Lw, Py] with < 1 year surplus supply and  $GW \geq 5$
  - 3) More than 1 year surplus supply and  $GW \geq 5$
  - 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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