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## **Buyer Beware! Material is becoming short**

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Just a quick reminder to all of our valued customers. As the economy pulls out of the recent downturn, it is important to remember that plant material does not grow as fast as the economy.

Shade trees grown in northern fields take 3 to 5 years to grow from the liner to a 2" or 2.5" caliper tree. An 18" Densi takes 7 to 9 years to grow from a cutting to a saleable plant. Even perennials take a full year from the time they are propagated until you can purchase a finished #1 or #2 pot. This means that for the material to be ready now, it had to have been started years ago.

So as we enjoy some busier times than we have in the past few years, it is going to be even more important to secure your plant material in advance of your jobs. Be sure to call your favorite sales person and order your material



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