

NURSERY DEALER LICENSE APPLICATION

**THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE MAILED TO:
ARKANSAS STATE PLANT BOARD,
P.O. BOX 1069, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203
AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE PROPER FEES
(All licenses expire on October 31 following date of issue.)**

Dealer Defined: By a dealer is meant any person or firm not a grower of nursery stock who buys nursery stock for the purpose of reselling it.

FEES:

<u>CATEGORY</u>		
LEVEL I	0-5,000 square feet heelyard area	\$150.00
LEVEL II	5,001-15,000 square feet heelyard area	\$300.00
LEVEL III	over 15,001 square feet heelyard area	\$450.00
Nursery Certificate Tags: \$0.15 each (Minimum Order of 20 Tags-Only needed for out of state shipments)		

Late Fee: Renewal applications postmarked after October 31 are charged an additional 50% of the total fee.

FACILITIES:
Dealers must provide facilities for keeping nursery stock in viable condition, either outdoors or indoors, and the inspector will check for these facilities, as well as for infestations of insect pests, plant diseases and noxious weeds.

- CANCELLATION OF LICENSE:** License may be canceled at any time for the following reasons:
1. Repeated substitution by the licensee of varieties or kinds of nursery stock other than those ordered, except by consent of purchases
 2. Misrepresentations such as making false statements or promises for the purpose of making a sale
 3. Repeated sales of poor quality, unthrifty, diseased or insect-infested nursery stock
 4. Failure to fulfill commitments covered by contracts, or neglecting to make adjustments or replacements on nursery stock as by prior agreement
 5. Violation of any of the provisions of this Act, or of the provisions of the Plant Act of 1917 or its regulations (Ark. Statutes 1947)

I hereby apply for a Nursery Dealer's License and agree, if same is issued, that I will not deal in any nursery stock unless the grower of such stock holds a valid inspection certificate.

Do you have a heelyard or display area where plants may be inspected? YES NO

Enclosed:

License Fee/Inspection Fee (Choose Appropriate Level)	\$ _____
Nursery Certificate Tags (Minimum order of 20 Tags)	\$ _____
Late fee – 50% additional fee if renewal application is postmarked after October 31	\$ _____
TOTAL:	\$ _____

Name of Business _____
(PLEASE PRINT NAME OF YOUR BUSINESS)

Complete Address _____
(PLEASE PRINT YOUR COMPLETE ADDRESS)

Zip Code _____ Telephone # _____ Website/Email Address _____

Contact Person _____
(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

Date _____ Please Include My Business Contact Information in the Online Directory Yes No

Nursery Dealer Fact Sheet

A Nursery Dealer is defined as any person or firm whose *primary* function is buying nursery stock for the purpose of reselling it, i.e. purchasing wholesale, then retailing what you've purchased. Your Nursery Dealer License is valid from November 1 to October 31. Any renewal applications postmarked after October 31 will be assessed a 50% late fee. Your application will not be processed until the late fee has been received. If you know your application will be late, please include the late fee with your license fee.

Your Nursery Dealer License allows you to grow, resell, and install plants. This includes landscaping. If you are applying herbicide or insecticides for customers you will need an additional Pest Control License. This license requires successful completion of an Applicator's Test.

We inspect nurseries annually, usually in the spring or early summer. During an inspection we will look at your plant stock for insects and diseases. We will also check your invoices of businesses that sold plants to you. The invoices must have a state nursery tag (if from out of state), and a USDA stamp if from a quarantined area. Nursery tags show that the plants are from a licensed nursery, and have been inspected for insects and diseases. The USDA stamp shows that the plants are free of quarantined pests such as Fire Ants and Japanese Beetles.

One of the main reasons that we license businesses that sell plants is to slow the spread of disease and insects. Many invasive pests are spread through soil. If you are located within the Imported Fire Ant Quarantine you must either be free of Fire Ants, or treat plants and sod that are leaving the quarantine zone. Refer to the USDA Fire Ant Manual for treatment details, which can be found at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/pubs/ifapub.pdf>.

Some of your best customers will be Landscape Contractors. The Plant Board also licenses these businesses. Many of these businesses do not know they need a license to install plants for clients. Before offering a discount to Landscape Contractors please make sure that these businesses are licensed. This makes for a more level playing field within the industry, and allows the Plant Board to better regulate plants, pests, and diseases.

An excellent resource for nursery businesses is the Arkansas Green Industry Association. This is a professional organization that promotes the nursery and landscape industries within the state. They offer a Certified Nurseryman's License upon successful completion of a comprehensive test. They also have an annual convention and trade show, which is a good place to network and find plant sources and suppliers. They can be reached at P.O. Box 21715, Little Rock, AR 72221, or www.argia.org.

On your license application you will see a slot for Nursery Certificate Tags. These are only needed if you are shipping plants out of state, either by mail or on a truck. The cost of these tags is \$0.15 each, with a minimum order of 20 tags.

The laws governing the sale of plants are contained in Arkansas State Plant Board Circular 11. This can be found on our website, www.plantboard.org, or mailed to you if you wish to have a copy. Also on the website is a list of currently licensed Nurserymen, Nursery Dealers, and Landscape Contractors. This list is updated once a month. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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