

NURSERYMAN LICENSE APPLICATION
THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE MAILED TO
ARKANSAS STATE PLANT BOARD,
P.O. BOX 1069, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203
NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15
AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE PROPER FEES
(All licenses expire on October 31 following date of issue.)

I hereby apply for inspection of nursery stock as listed below. The best way to reach my nursery is as follows:

ACREAGE TO BE INSPECTED:

1. Field-Grown Stock _____ Acres
2. Container- Grown Stock _____ Acres
(Applies only to stock grown by the nursery)
3. Heel Yard Stock _____ Square Feet
(Applies only to stock purchased for resale)

FEES:

| <u>CATEGORY</u> | <u>IF YOU GROW:</u> | |
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| LEVEL I | Less than 3 acres container grown or less than 10 acres field grown | \$150.00 |
| LEVEL II | 3 acres up to 10 acres container grown or 10 acres to 25 acres field grown | \$300.00 |
| LEVEL III | 10 acres up to 25 acres container grown or 25 acres to 40 acres field grown | \$450.00 |
| LEVEL IV | Has over 25 acres container grown or over 40 acres field grown | \$600.00 |
| Limited | This category is limited to those growers who produce less than 500 sq. feet of nursery stock per year, and sell directly to the public, no wholesaling or landscape contracting. | \$75.00 |

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

Nursery Certificate Tags: \$0.15 each (Minimum Order of 20 Tags-Only needed for out of state shipments)

Enclosed:

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| 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: | \$ _____ |

Nursery _____
(PLEASE PRINT NAME OF YOUR BUSINESS)

Complete Address _____
(PLEASE PRINT YOUR COMPLETE ADDRESS)

Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ By _____
(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

Date _____

Nurseryman Fact Sheet

A Nurseryman is defined as any individual or firm whose *primary* function is the growing of plants for sell. Your Nurseryman 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. Once the office receives your application, we will send a copy to the inspector for your area, who will then contact you to schedule a time to come by and inspect your stock. Once the office receives the inspection, your license will be issued. A Nurseryman License will not be issued without a current inspection for the year.

We inspect nurseries annually, usually in autumn. 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.

Your Nurseryman 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.

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. Businesses, which ship plants outside of the quarantine, enter a compliance agreement that details treatment options and regulations. Please contact us if you wish to enter into a compliance agreement.

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 at 501-225-1598.