

**PLANT PROTECTION DIVISION PHONE: 651-201-6507 FAX: 651-201-6108**
**NURSERY CERTIFICATE APPLICATION: NEW APPLICANTS ONLY**

Minnesota Statutes 2016, 18H.05

**Certification period of January 1 to December 31**

See pages 3 and 4 for information and instructions

Office Use Only: New License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate Holder Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

DBA (If different) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (No PO Box) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Company Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical growing locations and sources of purchased nursery stock must be listed on the back of this form.**

Will you hold, water and/or care for nursery stock (trees, shrubs, and perennials) on site for more than two weeks? Yes No *If yes, approximate retail value \$* \_\_\_\_\_

Will you purchase nursery stock from out-of-state sources? Yes No

Will you grow (in the ground, containers, etc.) any nursery stock for sale? Yes No *If yes, number of acres to be inspected* \_\_\_\_\_

Will you broker nursery stock? Yes No

Will you operate a tree spade? Yes No

**Type of Certificate You Are Applying for:**

 Nursery Stock Dealer Certificate \$ 225.00  
 600366(3100)

 Nursery Stock Grower Certificate \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 600364(3100)  
*(See "Growers Certificate Fee" schedule on the right)*
**Growers Certificate Fee:**

Number of Nursery Stock Acres	Fee
Less than 1/2 acre	\$200.00
1/2 acre up to 2 acres	\$250.00
Over 2 acres up to 5 acres	\$375.00
Over 5 acres up to 10 acres	\$425.00
Over 10 acres up to 20 acres	\$600.00
Over 20 acres up to 40 acres	\$750.00
Over 40 acres up to 50 acres	\$900.00
Over 50 acres up to 200 acres	\$1,300
Over 200 acres up to 350 acres	\$1,600
Over 350 acres up to 500 acres	\$1,700
Over 500 acres	\$1,700 plus \$3.00 for each additional acre

Submission of this form:

1. Confirms the applicant is conducting a valid business that involves growing and/or selling certified nursery stock.
2. Confirms the applicant will not purchase nursery stock for personal use.
3. Allows the commissioner or designated representative to enter property and inspect.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Physical Growing Locations** *(if different than Certificate Holder Location/Address)*

Please attach directions, legal descriptions, UTM coordinates, and/or maps to growing sites that cannot be located based upon street address.

Location Name	Street Address	City	County

**Sources of Purchased Nursery Stock**

If no purchase have been made, list the most likely sources for this calendar year.

Nursery Name	Street Address	City	State and Zip

**Return this form with your check made payable to:**
**Minnesota Department of Agriculture**

 Attention: Cashier  
 625 Robert Street North  
 St. Paul, MN 55155-2538

**Please note: Certificates are NOT transferable and fees are not refundable.**

# THE NURSERY STOCK CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

## CERTIFICATE PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

As required by law, Minn. Stat. Sec. 18H.05, anyone who sells, offers for sale, or distributes any nursery stock in the State of Minnesota must obtain a Nursery Stock Dealer OR a Nursery Stock Grower Certificate. **This application is for new applicants only.** Those holding a certificate must purchase and sell only certified nursery stock. All stock offered for sale must have been officially inspected and certified free of harmful plant pests within 12 months preceding sale.

## WHICH CERTIFICATE DO I NEED?

### Apply for a Nursery Stock Dealer Certificate if:

- You purchase more than half (50%) of the nursery stock you will sell during the calendar year.
  - New applicant fee for your first year is \$225.00. Renewal fees will be based upon your gross sales of nursery stock from the previous year. NOTE: A separate certificate is needed for each sales location.
- You are a landscaper, broker, or tree spade operator.
  - Trees moved by a tree spade must be inspected and certified before they are moved.

### Apply for a Nursery Stock Grower Certificate if:

- You grow more than half (50%) of the nursery stock you will sell.
  - The fee is based on the number of acres in nursery stock production. All stock must be inspected before sale. Only one certificate is required for multiple growing sites and allows only one sales site. Contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to schedule an early inspection if needed. Only stock growing on the acres applied for will be inspected and if certified, eligible for sale.

### You do not need to apply for either certificate if:

- You grow and sell only annual or indoor ornamental plants. If you will ship these plants outside Minnesota, contact the MDA to assure proper certification for destination state or country.
- You conduct occasional sales. An individual (not a business of any size) may offer nursery stock for sale and be exempt from the requirement to obtain a nursery stock dealer certificate only if ALL of the following conditions are met:
  - The gross sales of all nursery stock in a calendar year do not exceed \$2,000; and,
  - All nursery stock sold or distributed by the individual is intended for planting in Minnesota; and,
  - All nursery stock purchased or procured for resale or distribution was grown in Minnesota and has been certified by the commissioner; and,
  - The individual conducts sales or distributions of nursery stock on ten or fewer days in a calendar year; and
  - All sales are conducted by an individual, not a business, company, firm, corporation, partnership, association, etc.

## WHAT IS NURSERY STOCK?

Nursery stock means a plant intended for planting or propagation. This includes but not limited to, trees, shrubs, vines perennials, biennials, grafts, cuttings, and buds that may be sold for propagation whether cultivated or wild and all viable parts of these plants.

### Nursery stock does not include:

- Field and forage crops;
- The seeds of grasses, cereal grains, vegetable crops, and flowers;
- Vegetable plants, bulbs, or tubers;
- Cut flowers, unless stems or other portions are intended for propagation;
- Annuals; or
- Christmas trees.

Sod is not nursery stock but may be inspected for export as needed.

## COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

You may complete this online form and submit it with check to:

Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Attention: Cashier  
625 Robert Street North  
St. Paul, MN 55155-2538

**Or**

You may apply for a certification online at [www2.mda.state.mn.us/webapp/erenewal/apply.jsp](http://www2.mda.state.mn.us/webapp/erenewal/apply.jsp).

- Select Nursery Stock Dealer or Nursery Stock Grower Certificate and follow the instructions.
- VISA, MasterCard, or electronic check are accepted online.
- A handling fee of approximately 3% (determined by the credit card company) is charged for each online renewal transaction.

**You must provide a complete list of sources if you intend to purchase nursery stock.** This information is necessary to monitor possible movement of plant pests with nursery shipments.

Please provide detailed maps to all growing sites to be inspected that are not located at the business address on the application.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Certificate fees are not refundable and not transferable.**
- Applications with missing information will be returned for completion. Certificate will be withheld pending receipt of missing information.
- Applications will be processed and certificates will be issued for the current calendar year. Fees are not prorated and not refundable.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding this form or the inspection process, please contact Susan Smith at 651.201.6507 or [susan.smith@state.mn.us](mailto:susan.smith@state.mn.us)