

CITRUS BUDWOOD INFORMATION

Willits & Newcomb Citrus Nursery has a long established reputation for providing quality citrus propagation material to nurserymen and citrus growers throughout the citrus growing regions of the world. We maintain the largest private collection of citrus trees in the state of California. This includes over 200 varieties that are of commercial interest and those with historical and horticultural value. We are constantly adding new varieties to our collection, as they are made available from the Citrus Clonal Protection Program at University of California, Riverside. We maintain many varieties that are currently not under our registration program. With prior notice we can register these trees and supply budwood within the following year. To insure that our budwood is of the highest quality we work very closely with the California Department of Agriculture and the University of California. We adhere to very stringent guidelines and procedures designed to continually monitor propagation materials, allowing us to provide disease free, true-to-type budwood and seeds to the citrus industry. Our facilities are located in the southern San Joaquin Valley, which is a Tristeza free area. This allows for unrestricted shipment of our plant materials throughout California and beyond.

The testing for the registration program screens potential candidate trees for freedom from Psorosis, Exocortis, Tristeza and Vein Enation viruses. In addition to the required testing, we also perform ongoing inspections of our parent budwood block trees. This allows for careful observation of fruiting characteristics, trueness to type, production performance, and freedom from recognizable virus disorders. Trees that develop mutations and abnormalities are immediately removed from the budwood program. Willits & Newcomb Citrus Nursery remains committed to supplying the highest quality budwood possible.

SPRING BUDDING

Buds required for spring budding are harvested when the budwood enters a dormant state, usually November of the previous year. They are held in our refrigerated storage facility, where we inspect them regularly to insure their viability.

SUMMER & FALL BUDDING

Freshly cut buds are available from mid-April throughout the growing season into mid-October. Orders will be shipped when the budwood becomes mature enough to ship. Our experience shows that soft buds will not ship well and result in poor takes. Therefore, we use our judgment as to when bud harvests will occur. Please place your orders as early as possible to avoid delays.

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