

Hand Plant Seedlings Order Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State & Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____

_____ I would like to apply for cost share assistance (orders over 200 seedlings)
 _____ I am interested in Drip Irrigation
 (*Please contact UENRD office for quote.)
 _____ I am interested in Weed Mulch

Tree Species	Number
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Total Number of Trees Ordered:	_____

_____ I would like my trees delivered to O'Neill
 _____ I would like my trees delivered to Neligh

Hand Plant tree orders will be billed to the cooperator at a rate of \$1.58 per tree plus shipping and handling with the appropriate sales tax.

For Machine Plant tree orders please contact the Upper Elkhorn NRD office.

****100% of Hand Plant orders MUST be paid for prior to delivery to reserve trees and be eligible for any cost share!**



Cost of Trees & Materials

Handplant Trees	\$ 1.58 /tree
Machine Plant Trees	\$ 263.00 /100
Weed Mulch (Installed\tilled)	\$ 0.95 /foot
Weed Mulch (by the roll)	\$ 250.00 /500 feet
Weed Mulch Squares	\$ 2.85 each
Plus Appropriate taxes	

Prices are an Estimate and Subject to Change



Attention!! All hand plant tree orders will have a designated pick-up date. Any hand plant trees which are not picked-up during this time will be charged an additional \$5.00 per week until they are picked up!



2026 Tree Program

Upper Elkhorn NRD
 301 N Harrison Street
 O'Neill, NE 68763
 (402) 336-3867

Natural Resources Conservation Service
 107-A, East Hwy 20
 O'Neill, NE 68763
 (402) 336-3798

Natural Resources Conservation Service
 731 East 4th Street
 Ainsworth, NE 69210
 (402) 387-2242

Natural Resources Conservation Service
 1105 S Street
 Neligh, NE 68756
 (402) 887-4176

Why Plant Trees?

Trees are a very important part of our environment. They can be used for windbreaks, to protect livestock, to protect homesteads, wildlife habitat and to improve the overall scenery of our land. We need to constantly plant and care for our trees and they will continue to protect us and our surroundings.

Upper Elkhorn NRD Tree Program

Trees are made available to the Upper Elkhorn NRD through the NARD Tree Program. The trees are grown at Bessey Nursery located at the National Forest near Halsey, NE. They provide the NRD with a variety of different species for windbreak and wildlife purposes. The NRD also purchases trees from Lincoln Oaks Nursery and Colorado State Nursery.

Ordering Trees

Trees may be ordered by contacting your local NRCS office or the Upper Elkhorn NRD Office in O'Neill. Orders will be taken from November 1 to March 1. To assure the number of trees and the species that you want are available, order as early as possible. Hand plant orders must be in multiples of 25 per species. Anyone wishing to have machine planted trees should contact the NRD as soon as possible to schedule their windbreak planning.

District Plantings

There will be an additional charge of \$200 if less than 150 trees are planted by machine or if the site preparation is not completed **by April 10** per the tree planting agreement. A 50% deposit is required on all machine plant tree orders to be planted by the NRD. Tree species will not be guaranteed until the 50% deposit is received. Tree orders for hand plants should be paid in full when the trees are ordered to reserve the species.

District Planning Service

For assistance in planning your windbreak, you can contact your local NRCS office or the Upper Elkhorn NRD office. A technician is available to suggest the type of trees best suited for your soil type and design a layout plan for your windbreak. The plan will include the tree species, the approximate number of trees needed and flagging of the windbreak. All plans will be drawn up to meet current NRCS specifications.

Replanting Trees

Windbreak renovation is important, as many windbreaks are growing old and dying out, not providing the protection they once did. Replanting trees is essential to maintain an effective windbreak. Replanting should be done every year to fill in the gaps created by the environment.

Cost Share Assistance Program

To promote tree planting for livestock, homesteads, wildlife habitat and prevention of soil erosion, the NRD has cost-share funds available locally and



through the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program. Trees, planting, drip irrigation systems and weed mulch are eligible for this cost-share program. However, cost-share applications will only be approved if a 50% deposit is paid for machine plants and a 100% deposit for hand plants. Cost-share

information can be obtained by contacting your local NRCS or NRD offices.

**** All machine-planted trees that receive cost-share require windbreaks to be maintained at 75% survivability for ten years. The UENRD cannot guarantee the survival of trees planted, and landowners are responsible for adequately maintaining planted seedlings and replanting trees as necessary.***

Available Tree Species

Conifers

Eastern Red Cedar	Jack Pine
Rocky Mountain Juniper	Ponderosa Pine
Colorado Blue Spruce	Norway Spruce

Broadleaves

Native Cottonwood	Hackberry
Swamp White Oak	Honeylocust
Bur Oak	Black Cherry
Black Walnut	American Elm
Catalpa	Silver Maple
Red Oak	Amur Maple
Hybrid Poplar	

Shrubs

Caragana	Cotoneaster
Sumac	Lilac
Chokecherry	American Plum
Service Berry	Golden Currant
Elderberry	Buffaloberry
Dogwood	Chokeberry
Sandcherry	Woods Rose

Tree species subject to change based on availability. **Trees are available on a first come first served basis**

Cost Share Program Requirements

There is a minimum requirement of 200 hand plant trees or 150 machine plant trees to be eligible for cost share. Cost share will be paid only on the practice and will not include any portion of the sales tax. Cost share forms must be filled out completely and returned to the NRD office along with full payment for your trees, drip irrigation and weed mulch before you will be awarded any cost share funds.