

2019 Expansion Projects

In our last edition of PRT rePoRTER we highlighted our newly constructed, fully functioning containerized forest seedling nursery in Brighton, MI.

In this edition we would like to make you aware of the other PRT expansion projects we completed for 2019 sowing. In total (and including the 63,000 blocks at PRT Brighton), PRT expanded by more than 240,000 blocks for 2019 sowing. These expansion projects included:

- PRT Atmore (Atmore, AL): 75,000 blocks
- PRT Beaverlodge (Beaverlodge, AB): 23,000 blocks
- PRT Vernon (Vernon, BC): 20,000 blocks
- PRT Skimikin (Tappen, BC): 20,000 blocks
- PRT Cottage Grove (Cottage Grove, OR): 20,000 blocks
- PRT Hybrid (Pitt Meadows, BC): 20,000 blocks
- PRT Brighton (Brighton, MI): 63,000 blocks
- Total 2019 PRT Expansion: 251,000 blocks

PRT Atmore

Space for over 75,000 plastic trays (similar format as styroblocks) was added in early 2019 in time for 2019 sowing. This additional “open compound” space was constructed in traditional Southeast method using T bars, boom irrigation and plastic trays. The additional growing capacity was done in a linear fashion rather than circular pivots as previous PRT Atmore open compound construction. This gives us the flexibility to grow more Southeast crops such as Slash Pine and Shortleaf Pine on site as well as Loblolly Pine and Longleaf Pine.



PRT Beaverlodge

An additional eight Harnois greenhouses were added at PRT Beaverlodge and were erected in good time for early 2019 sowing of summer and spring crops.



PRT Vernon

Adding to the extensive network of outdoor compound space already at PRT Vernon, an additional 20,000 blocks of space was added for further open compound Lodgepole Pine and Jack Pine production.



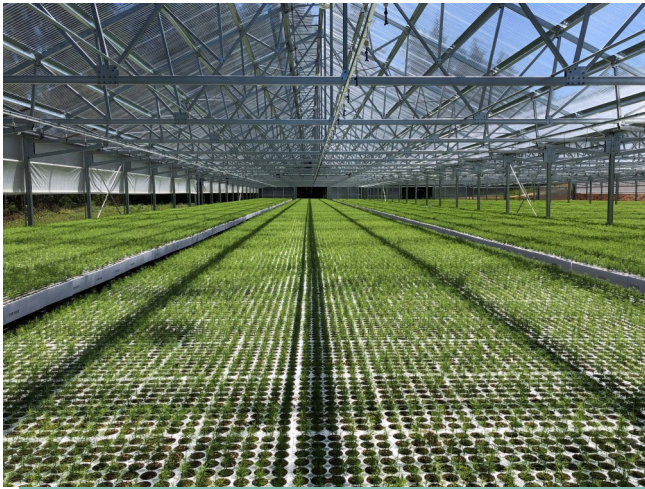
PRT Skimikin

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PRT Cottage Grove

14,000 blocks of Harnois greenhouse space was added at PRT Cottage Grove, as well as an additional 7,000 blocks of open compound space.



PRT Hybrid

The existing open compound space in an old Cravo structure was upgraded with new roof and heating system to create usable greenhouse space. An additional and equal amount of open compound space was added. This project effectively added 21,000 blocks of greenhouse space without taking away any open compound space.



PRT VP of Marketing, Herb Markgraf commented, “We believe these capacity additions show PRT’s commitment to the forest seedling market in North America. As North America’s largest producer of containerized forest seedlings we are pleased grow in all geographic markets in order to aid in the growth of the forest seedling market. Our commitment is to our customers, our shareholders and to our employees, and with these latest expansions we feel that commitment is consistent with PRT being North America’s number one containerized forest seedling producer.”