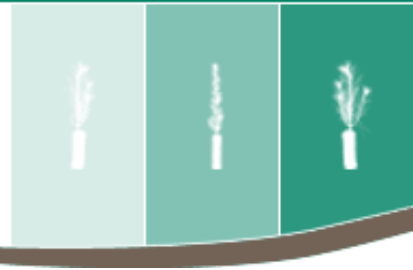




25 YEARS
3 BILLION SEEDLINGS

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Chris Mostyn is taking on the position of Nursery Manager for PRT Armstrong. Chris has been with PRT for the past 10 years and was previously the Nursery Manager at PRT Vernon. Chris has a background in both forestry and business with a Diploma in Forestry from the Zimbabwe College of Forestry and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of South Africa.

Olivier Bonnefoy moves into the role of Nursery Manager for PRT Vernon. Olivier has been the Nursery Manager at PRT Red Rock since shortly after he joined PRT in 2007. In addition to his new job, he will continue as the Environmental System Manager for PRT. Olivier received his degree in International Agro-development from the Institut Supérieur des Techniques d'Outre-Mer (ISTOM) in France before working in various



Chris Mostyn
PRT Armstrong



Olivier Bonnefoy

rubber plantations in Nigeria and Ghana.

PRT Vernon

Jody Branter is the new Nursery Manager for PRT Hybrid. Jody has worked for PRT since 2005, most recently as the Production Superintendent at PRT Hybrid. Jody's education includes a Bachelor of Applied Horticulture Technology from Olds College and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Horticulture from the University of Melbourne in Australia.



Jody Branter
PRT Hybrid

We are confident that all three will bring a wealth of experience to their new roles and will contribute to the ongoing growth and development of PRT.

We would also like to recognize three longtime employees who have recently retired. John Lukasek, Fernando Rey and Stewart Haywood-Farmer have been important members of the PRT Nursery Management team for many years. We would like to thank them for their contribution and wish them all the best for the future.

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In addition to anniversary celebrations at all the nurseries, lucky tree planters found special 25th Anniversary planters' gloves in random boxes of our summer plant seedlings. Planters were asked to submit photos showing them wearing their gloves to be entered into a draw for a 10 oz silver "anniversary" bar. Here is a photo of Daniel Coffey submitted by Scooter Clark near Whitecourt, Alberta. These boxes had a ride in a helicopter.

PRT would like to thank all of our customers and employees for making the past 25 years so successful. We look forward to another 25 years!



Almost too pretty to eat.
25th Anniversary cake
from PRT Armstrong.

THE GOLDILOCKS APPROACH TO PLANTING

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Just like Goldilocks looking for the perfect bowl of porridge, you want to find a site that is "just right". Selecting the microsite will depend on factors such as the species, type of site preparation, aspect, drainage,



obstacles and soil types. Higher planting sites may be warmer, but they might dry out faster. Lower sites may be too cool and wet. One good clue for optimal planting spots is the location of stumps.

Make the most of your seedlings by working with your planting contractor and planters to ensure that they are looking for the best possible places to promote good plantation establishment and performance. If you have any questions about microsite planting, please contact your Customer Support Representative. Click the link below for the CSR in your region.

<http://www.prt.com/contact/customer-support-representatives/forest-seedlings>

HANDLE WITH CARE

PRT works hard to ensure that quality seedlings leave our nurseries in optimum condition, but poor stock handling once the seedlings leave the nursery can destroy all of these efforts and jeopardize the success of your planting program.

PRT has developed stock handling guidelines that take into account the biological needs of the seedlings, as well as the logistical and economic constraints of planting contractors.

Here is a brief overview of how to handle container seedlings. For an in-depth report on container stock handling, view the article [here](#).

Transportation

When being loaded and unloaded, cartons should not be thrown, dropped nor laid on their side. While being transported, cartons should be well secured and stacked appropriately to avoid crushing. Proper air circulation is important to maintain the correct temperature for the stock. Appropriate shipping temperatures vary according to the type of stock being shipped.

On-Site Storage

- Hot Lift Seedlings

After lifting in the nursery, hot lift seedlings should be shipped to the field immediately and planted as soon as possible. In the field, boxes should not be stacked. They should be opened to prevent heat build up, facilitate watering and to allow light to reach the seedlings.

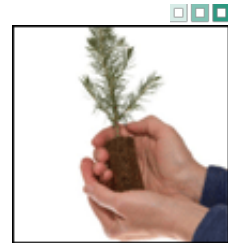
- Seedlings from Frozen Storage

Refrigerated trailers set at 2-4 degrees C (35 - 39 degrees F) provide ideal conditions for storage of thawed spring plant seedlings. For a field cache, a cool shady location with good air circulation is preferred. If using a tarp for shade, ensure that there is sufficient air circulation. To avoid crushing, don't stack boxes too high.

Care of Seedlings During Planting

While planting, keep seedlings cool or in the shade with good ventilation. Boxes of spring plant stock should be kept shut to retain moisture. Never store seedling boxes out in the open without protection. The amount of seedlings stored outside of the field cache should be limited to no more than half a day's supply of seedlings. During breaks, planting bags should be placed in the shade.

For more detailed information about container stock handling and other topics, check out the articles on our website [here](#).



CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete our recent Customer Satisfaction Survey. We received an excellent response rate which is very much appreciated.

We value your feedback and will use your input to ensure that we continue to offer the quality products and services that you expect from PRT, North America's leading grower of container forest seedlings.

PRT will be donating \$10 for each completed survey to either the Canadian Cancer Society or the American Cancer Society, in recognition of our customers from both sides of the border.

**Thank
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