Information for participants

Requirements
1. You must live in North Carolina.
2. You must attend one of our workshops listed on the schedule included with this mailing. A record of attending one of our workshops in 2005 will fulfill this requirement.
3. You must cut and inoculate a minimum of 200 logs in the first year. (See notes at the end of the schedule for specifications for cutting logs.)
4. You must purchase your own tools and materials for inoculation, with the exception of the spawn, which we will provide. Plan on spending between $100 and $150. We will provide tools and materials for workshops only.
5. Sign a consent form in which you agree to:
   • provide us with information about your production
   • provide us with sales records, which we use solely for program assessment
   • share acquired knowledge with other farmers who might be interested in learning from you
6. At least once a year, you will be required to complete a comprehensive survey which you will submit to your county Extension agent.
7. Your county Extension agent will verify that you have cut your logs and have your tools and materials before releasing spawn to you.

Recommendations
1. Oak logs are recommended for this project. If you must use any other type of log, please talk first with Dr. Omon or his staff (336.334.7259).
2. You should cut your logs when the leaves are down. Logs should only be cut from live trees.
3. Logs should be inoculated within 3 weeks after cutting.
4. We will provide you with spawn material free of charge, but you must request this through your county Extension agent.
5. You can purchase other inoculation tools and materials from any of the following commercial vendors:
   Please compare prices and quality before you purchase from any company.
6. A list of materials and equipment that you will need is listed on the accompanying workshop instruction sheet. In addition, you can purchase dabbers and/or wax melting pots to apply wax onto the drilled and inoculated holes and ends of the logs, instead of the hand held propane torch that is described on our instruction sheet. You may buy the dabbers from the vendors mentioned above. A small deep frying pot, which can be found in local shops, will also work well.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshops!

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