



## Truffle tree seedling guide for new growers.

The decision to plant a new truffle orchard is fraught with questions and decisions that are very important. New orchard enthusiasts often need guidance on topics of concern and questions to ask potential suppliers.

The first and probably most important questions after deciding on a location for your orchard is sourcing root stock and assuring that you have vetted the tree supplier to the best of your ability. Since most new growers are novices in this area, we at NATGA are suggesting a list of questions to ask of potential tree suppliers.

### *Suggested questions for seedling suppliers*

1. What quantity of trees do you recommend per acre?
2. What types of trees do you offer?
3. What species of truffles do you provide?
4. How many types of truffle inoculated species do you offer from a single facility?
5. Do you provide planting instructions with your shipments?
6. Do you maintain historical data on Lot numbers of trees produced?
7. Do you supply date of inoculation information and lot numbers of trees?
8. What is your policy on replacement trees for infant mortality?
9. Do you offer any type of guarantees on your product?
10. Do you DNA test all of the truffles used in your inoculum
11. Do you obtain your inoculum stock from more than one geographical area?
12. How do you mitigate contamination at your facility?
13. Do you test your rootstock for invasive species such as brumale and indicum?
14. What percentage of trees per lot do you test?
15. What is your minimum threshold of target species colonization? How is this verified?
16. Do you provide testing information to the buyer ?
17. Do you support third party verification of your testing?
18. Do you ship bare root or in soil?
19. What is your recommended age of the tree before shipping?
20. Is your facility qualified to ship stock to all of North America?
21. What is your recommended shipping method?
22. Do you ship FOB Destination/Freight Allowed?