

DUNN COUNTY TREE PLANTER RENTAL PROGRAM

The Dunn County Land Conservation Division has 5 tree planters that can be rented for planting bare root trees. Each of the tree planters has unique qualities and using the proper planter can improve your planting experience.

A reasonable fee is charged to cover maintenance and repairs. Current rental rates are \$69.00 for one day, \$95.00 for two days, and \$122.00 for three days of use. The landowner needs to supply a tractor and driver and one or two people to operate the tree planting machine. The Dunn County Land Conservation Division typically delivers and picks up the planters. Occasionally the landowner will be asked to pick up or return the planters if possible. Approximately 5,000 trees can be planted per day with a tree planting machine.

Two of the machines available are "RE-FORESTER" models. All types of tree and shrub seedlings can be planted with these machines because they can accommodate a large root system. These planters require a tractor with remote hydraulics. One of the "RE-FORESTER" models has hydraulic controls to help level the planter on steep slopes and the other is best suited for flatter areas that need to be planted.



The "RE-FORESTER" models require a tractor with a minimum of 50 hp. Not all tractors use the same hydraulic connections so we do have numerous connectors that can be switched on the hydraulic hoses if needed. Many tractor owners do have universal hydraulic connectors that will generally work with these planters.

Also available are two "Three Point Hitch" models. These planters are compact and easy to maneuver. They are best suited for planting pine/conifers. One of these planters has a 3 point category 1 bar and the other has a 3 point category 2 bar. The category 1 bar is 26" wide and has 7/8" diameter pins. The category 2 bar is 32" wide with 1 1/8" diameter pins.



The "Drag" planter is equipped with a hydraulic cylinder that can be operated from the tractor or with a hand pump on the planter. This machine works well on small jobs and sites with long rows like windbreaks and shelterbelts.

Dunn County also has several planting bars available. A returnable \$45.00 deposit is required. Planting bars can provide very good planting because of the personnel attention each tree receives. Planting bars are good for interplanting within existing trees, in steep or rocky land. They are labor intensive and are not recommended when planting more than 1,000 trees in a day.

