

# SAPPA – GUIDELINES FOR THE TRADING IN PECAN NUT NURSERY TREES

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## Background

It happens from time to time that buyers of pecan nut trees receive trees that do not fulfill their expectations. The Guidelines below are to prevent misunderstandings between buyers and nurseries.

It remains SAPPA's view that the trading of pecan nut trees is a matter between the buyer and the nursery.

## Definitions and Abbreviations

Commercial orchard: An orchard planted for the purpose of production and trade of pecan nuts

SAPPA: South African Pecan Nut Producers Association NPC

DAFF: Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

## Guidelines to buyers:

- Take note of the requirements and recommendations included in the SAPPA "Guidelines, Classification and Standards for Pecan Nursery Trees".
- Determine whether the nursery is an associated member of SAPPA. Refer to the SAPPA website.
- If possible visit the nursery to determine the quality of the trees.
- Confirm which trees will be used for your order before you pay the deposit. Take photographs of the trees.
- Ensure that the trees that you receive are the trees that were paid for.
- If trees are in containers, determine when the trees were planted in containers.
- Determine whether the nursery use the SAPPA classification for size and in case they use a different classification, obtain a copy of the classification document.
- Ensure that the trees are grafted. Seedlings are not recommended for commercial orchards.
- Determine what guarantee is given that the cultivars are true to kind.

## Guidelines to nurseries:

- Specify the following details on the order form **and** invoice:
  - Size and price of the trees
  - Is it open root trees or container trees
  - Number per kultivar

- Confirm in writing when:
  - Small or oversize trees are sold
  - Seedlings are sold
  - Trees that were planted in containers for less than one growing season, are sold.

**Requirements for nurseries to qualify for SAPPA associated membership:**

- Written undertaking to adhere to the SAPPA “Guidelines, classification and Standards for Pecan Nursery trees” as well as the “ Guidelines for the trading in Pecan Nursery trees”.
- Proof of nursery registration at DAFF or proof of application for this registration.

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