

GUNNS LTD SOMERSET NURSERY AND TREE BREEDING PROGRAM

SALES

The Somerset nursery can supply either large numbers of seedlings for plantation establishment programs, or smaller quantities for the local farming community, be it 10 or 10,000 seedlings. Prices are dependant on numbers required, species and genetic quality of the seedlings.



PRODUCTS

The main species are:

- *Eucalyptus nitens* (Shining Gum)
- *Eucalyptus globulus* (Blue Gum)
- *Pinus radiata* (Radiata Pine)

Acacia melanoxylon (Blackwood) are grown along with other species suitable for shelter belts and farm forestry. Other species can be grown for large orders.

SEED

Gunns has a Tree Breeding Program that supplies high quality seed, suited to variable growing environments, or end products to maximise plantation profitability. When ordering customers can choose from various levels of improved seed or supply their own seed.

The Gunns Limited Somerset Nursery is located on the North West Coast of Tasmania at Somerset.

The nursery is a state of the art facility specifically designed to grow container seedlings for plantation establishment. It has the capacity to produce 18 million quality seedlings per annum. The nursery first started production in April 1998 and in June 2008 the nursery despatched its 100 millionth seedling.

The nursery has a reputation for producing high quality hardened seedlings with great root and stem structure that will ensure your plantation gets off to the best possible start.

The nursery supplies customers across southern Australia in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania. Interstate shipments can be made daily via the nearby modern container port of Burnie.

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TREE BREEDING PROGRAM

Gunns has been investing in tree breeding since the 1970's and today has numerous seed orchards that produce high quality seed that maximises the profitability of plantation investments.

Commercial quantities of seed of the following plantations species are available for sale:

- *Eucalyptus nitens* (Shining Gum)
- *Eucalyptus globulus* (Blue Gum)
- *Pinus radiata* (Radiata Pine)

The breeding programs have used traditional selective breeding to improve these species for the following traits:

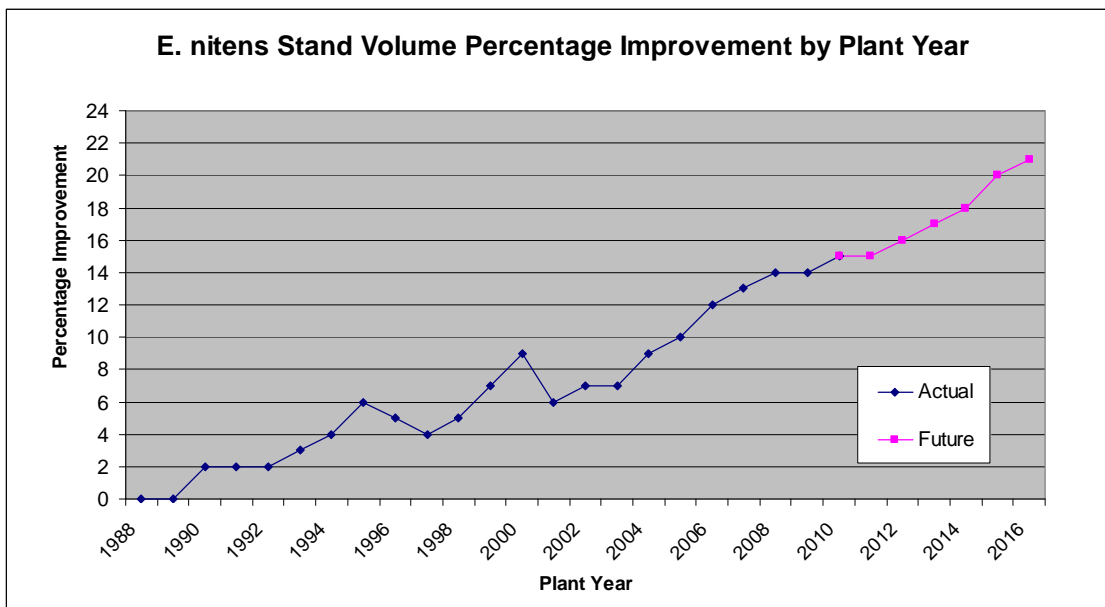
- Growth
- Basic Density
- Kraft Pulp Yield
- Stem Straightness
- Branch Size
- Branch Angle
- Stiffness

All seed is sourced from open pollinated grafted seed orchards and comes with an estimate of improvement.

Seed can be supplied to suit specific growing environments and end products.

Seed is sold on a per viable seed basis, that takes into account the germination percentage for the seedlot as determined by a third party testing laboratory.

Prices depend on the species, quantity and the level of improvement in the seed.



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