

Chippewa NF Native Woody Seed Collection

2007 Accomplishments

This project was initiated to increase the Chippewa's seed bank of woody species at the J.W. Toumey Nursery.

Nine thousand two hundred dollars was obligated in a contract with the Leech Lake Band of the Ojibway in 2006. Individual tribal members are paid for the fruit or cones they gather. The intent was to have tribal members gather the fruit from designated native woody plant species. Quantities of most fruits in seed zone 1 were severely limited in FY2006 due to a major drought. Never-the-less, in 2006 tribal members gathered:

342 pounds of Hawthorne fruit
25 bushels of eastern larch cones
5½ bushels of mixed oak acorns
11¼ bushels of northern white cedar cones

In 2007, fruit was more abundant despite a continuing drought. In 2007, tribal members gathered:

247 pounds of June berries
339 pounds of pin cherries
304 pounds of Hawthorne fruit
9 pounds of American mountain ash
7.5 bushels of eastern larch cones

The contract began in April, 2006 and was completed on October 30, 2007. All fruit and cones were sent to the J.W. Toumey Nursery for seed extraction, cleaning, storage and/or sowing.



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Neil Peterson with June berries gathered by Leech Lake Tribal members for restoration projects.

Year Awarded: 2006

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Project completion: October 30, 2007

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Expenditures:

- FY06 funding \$9,500
- Expended in 2006: \$3,564.53
- Expended in 2007: \$5,722.16

Partners: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
J.W. Toumey Nursery