

# White Pine Seed Orchard - Cone Collection Contract - August 2017

Independent Contractor, \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to collect cones according to the following conditions:

- Site can be accessed only when an HAWOA/FGCA/MNRF Site Coordinator is present:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Potentially between 8:30 am and 6:30 pm daily starting **August 22** and ending on or before **August 25**.
- Collect a maximum of **10 hectolitres**, as measured on site by an HAWOA/FGCA/MNRF representative
- Receive **\$ 100/hl**, paid by September 15th.
- The cones can only be collected for the HAWOA.
  
- Collect only from areas in the orchard assigned daily by the Site Coordinator.
- Respect other collectors and their safety, and the trees and the site
- **Pick only unshrivelled, yellow-green/tan cones, with less than 1/3 of the cone browned by insect damage**
- Cones are to be brought to a designated area on site and measured and bagged.
  
- **When Picking from trees:**
  - Be careful not to damage the branches or stems of these valuable trees
- **When picking from cut trees or tops**
  - Turn them over to ensure all cones are collected.
  - Drag picked branches to edge of block as directed by Site Coordinator.
  
- **As an independent contractor, you are responsible for:**
  - Your own travel to and from the orchard
  - Safe operations while on site - hazards include
    - low branches, heavy pitch, long wet grass, vines, woody debris, wasp nests, TICKS, heat, sun, rain
    - Thinning and topping operations – stay out of these areas until Site Coordinator gives the OK
  - Your gear, which is suggested to be:
    - gloves, hat, boots, rain gear, bug repellent, sun screen, first aid, food, lots of drinks, old light weight/light colour long pants & long-sleeved shirt, hand cleaner, water.
    - Suggestion** - cones are VERY sticky with pitch – gloves are necessary. Cloth gloves with smooth rubber coated fingers and palms work well and are available at most hardware stores for about \$6-7. 2 to 3 pairs are a good idea to use over 2-4 days.
  - Clothes/shoes to change into so your vehicle is not damaged by pitch.
  - Collection tools:
    - 3 large pails marked with your name, 10 to 20 litre size (check delis/restaurants/hardware stores)
    - 1 or 2 cone hooks = broom/hockey stick with 1.5 inch+ diameter hook on the end that are used to carefully bring upper branches in reach to pick the cones.

Signed:

Independent Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (including postal code)- \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cayuga Cone Collection Site Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent, if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_