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**ArborGen Enters Partnership
With S.C. Forestry Commission to Operate State Nursery**
*Agreement to operate the Taylor Nursery will expand availability of the company's
portfolio of seedlings to South Carolina and surrounding states.*

RIDGEVILLE, SC – February 27, 2018 – [ArborGen](http://www.arborgen.com), a global leader in the sale and development of advanced genetic seedlings that improve the productivity of forest trees, today announced that it has entered into a partnership agreement with the South Carolina Forestry Commission. The exclusive 10 year agreement will allow ArborGen to modernize and operate the Taylor Nursery in Trenton, S.C., increasing its annual capacity to 30 million units.

“We are excited to make our entire portfolio of seedling genetics even more accessible to landowners in this area and look forward to providing our industry expertise and customer service to South Carolina and surrounding states,” said President and CEO Andrew Baum. “As a company, ArborGen was founded in South Carolina and maintains its global headquarters here. With our investment in Taylor Nursery and the current production at our Blenheim, S.C. location, ArborGen looks forward to helping our customers create a profitable, sustainable forest they can be proud of for years to come.” Taylor Nursery will become the seventh nursery location for ArborGen providing the most genetically advanced loblolly seedlings for the Southeast.

The company will begin to make improvements to the facility once the contract begins on April 1, 2018. The first crop of seedlings will be available in 2018/2019.

About ArborGen

ArborGen is the largest global seedling supplier and the leading provider of advanced genetics for the forest industry. Employing state-of-the-art technology, ArborGen is developing high-value products that significantly improve the productivity of forestry. For more information, please visit our website at www.arborgen.com.

The South Carolina Forestry Commission

In addition to being recreational hotspots for hiking, biking, hunting, camping and horseback riding, the Commission's state lands are demonstration forests for ecological responsibility and productivity. The state's second-largest manufacturing industry in terms of jobs and wages, forestry generates a \$21 billion impact on South Carolina's economy.

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