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Kansas State Industrial Hemp Conference

K-State's Hemp project will feature an upcoming program centered about recent research and information about Industrial Hemp. This program will be held February 4, 2020 from 8:30- 4:00 pm at the Sedgwick County Extension Office located at 7001 West 21st Street in Wichita. Registration is requested by January 28th. Seating may be limited. Online registration is at www.bit.ly/kshempconf or call 316-788-0492. Topics included will be insect and disease management, High Tunnels at the KSU Olathe Station, Hemp Testing service, Report from the KS State Board of Ag and Recent KSU Research at the Industrial Hemp Research Station by scientists working on various topics. Register now online or contact your local Twin Creeks Extension office. Norton: 785-877-5755 Oberlin: 785-475-8121 Hoxie: 785-675-3268 Hill City: 785-421-3411

Conservation Trees from Kansas State University

The Kansas Forest Service offers low-cost tree and shrub seedlings for use in conservation plantings. Plants are one to two years old and sizes vary from 8 to 18 inches, depending on species. Two types of seedlings are offered; bareroot and containerized. Containerized provide a higher survival rate and quicker establishment. Orders are accepted from now through May 1st, but order early to ensure receiving the items you want. Orders are shipped beginning in mid-March. Approved uses for these plants include windbreaks, wood lots, wildlife habitat, timber plantations and educational and riparian (streambank) plantings. All items are sold in units. Each single species unit consists of 25 plants. For example, a unit of Eastern red cedar has 25 trees per unit. Though a single species unit is most commonly purchased, four special bundles are also available which include a quail bundle, pheasant bundle, eastern pollinator bundle and western pollinator bundle. Tree planting accessories are also available. These include marking flags, root protective slurry, rabbit protective tubes, weed barrier fabric and tree tubes. If there have been problems with deer browsing on young trees, the tree tubes are a must. For details and an order form, go to: <http://kfs.mybigcommerce.com/> Order forms are also available from local K-State Research and Extension offices.