
News - Ingleside Plantation Nurseries Recognized for Good Stewardship



Ingleside Plantation Nurseries (IPN) was recently presented with the 2008 Bay Friendly Clean Water Farms Award. Each year, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) sponsors the Clean Water and Bay Friendly Farm Award to honor the Virginia farmers who implement nutrient management plans and that are exemplary in their protection of the state's soil and water quality. Virginia's 46 soil and water districts across the state determine the winners.

Overuse of nutrients or using them at improper times, as well as soil loss, creates water quality problems in Virginia and for the Chesapeake Bay. Virginia agricultural producers can voluntarily incorporate nutrient management and other environmental safeguards within agriculture operations as their contribution toward protecting

water quality for citizens throughout the Commonwealth. Producers work with the DCR technical specialists and other agency personnel to determine site-specific, customized methods of reducing potential pollutants that rain might carry off their fields. The results are usually more efficient production and improved quality in nearby waters.

IPN has participated in the cover crop cost-share practice for the last five years. In 2005, IPN cooperated with Tidewater Resource and Development Council (RC&D) in a Best Management Practices demonstration and grant and shared the results in a successful field day for the nursery industry. Two sediment ponds were developed as part of the RC&D project. The water is utilized for irrigation and is caught and recycled through these ponds.

IPN, following industry Best Management Practices, has an up-to-date Nutrient Management Plan and even utilizes a small quantity of chicken litter according to the plan, to enhance soil organic matter. During the award ceremonies, DCR said "IPN sets a good example in soil and water stewardship."

Ingleside Plantation Nurseries is widely recognized as the largest wholesale nursery in Virginia, serving retailers, landscapers and garden centers throughout the Mid Atlantic and New England regions since 1949. The nursery consists of 3000 acres with over 1800 acres currently in production and the balance in woodlands and ponds. IPN produces a wide selection of quality-grown stock including trees, shrubs, grasses, and perennials in both B&B and containers including large sizes of #45, #65 and #100. For more information on Ingleside Plantation Nurseries, call 804-224-7111 or visit www.inglesidenurseries.com.

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