



Tree Seedling Roots Must Be Moist If Planting's Delayed after Arrival

Tree seedlings must be kept moist from the time they leave the nursery until they are planted, advise forest experts.

Many landowners who have ordered trees for conservation, reforestation or other projects will do well to follow this advice.

A good root system is essential to successful planting and, unless care is taken, roots dry out rapidly and are thereby injured.

Seedlings should be watered immediately when they arrive from the nursery and planted as soon as possible. When stored in a cool place and kept moist, seedlings will remain in good condition for a day or two.

Seedlings that must be kept for

more than two or three days should be heeled in' in moist soil. This operation consists of digging an open, V shaped trench and placing the seedling trees, with roots spread out, along one side and refilling with soil so that all roots are covered.

It's important that the soil be stamped down firmly against the roots and that it be kept moist until the seedlings are taken out for planting.

When planting keep the roots covered with a damp material, such as wet moss or keep them in a bucket half full of water. Never allow the roots to be exposed to sun or wind for more than a few minutes.

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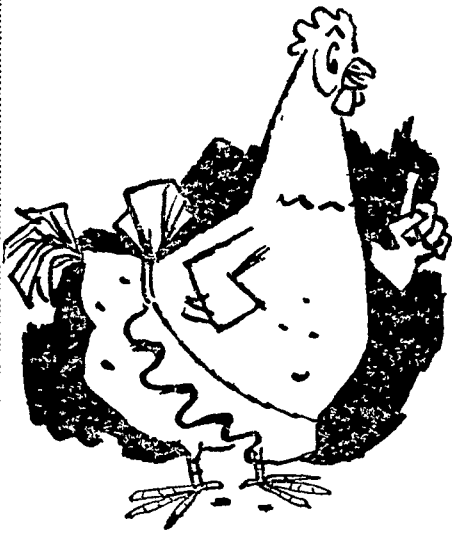
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