

# 2024 California Conifer Tree Seed Collection Results

Below is a summary of the results and impact of forest seed-bearing cone collections in California in 2024, prepared in collaboration with named parties by the California Reforestation Pipeline Partnership (RPP).

The partnership was created in 2022 by recommendation of the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force work group on reforestation to **increase collaboration and cone collection capacity** of the only two publicly-owned and operated seed banks in the region.

**In 2024, a total of**

**11,330** bushels

**of conifer seed-bearing cones made it to the two public seed banks in California**

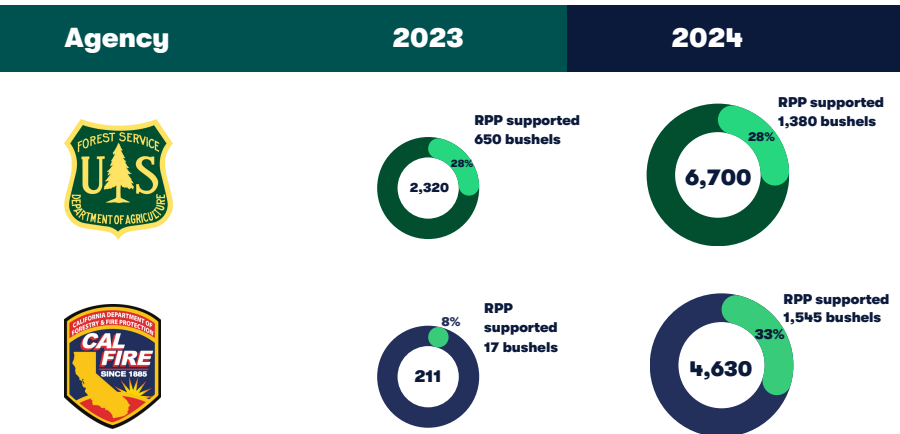


**6,700**

**4,630**

**30%** of the cumulative Federal & State bushels collected in 2024 were supported by the **California Reforestation Pipeline Partnership**

Compared with 2023,  
this was a **275%** increase in cone collection



That's enough seed to grow  
**~57 million seedlings**



**It takes much more than seed to  
establish a new forest,  
but seed is the start...**

If planted at 150-250 trees per acre,  
seed collected in 2024 by the **public** seed banks  
could potentially reforest

**~230,000 - 385,000 acres**



What about private industry and commercial  
seed banks and nurseries?

Voluntarily reported **private sector** seed  
collection in California in 2024 totaled

**8,670 bushels**

bringing the **statewide grand total** to at least

**20,000 bushels**

If planted at 150-250 trees per acre,  
the cumulative seed collected in 2024 by the  
**public and commercial/industry** seed banks could  
produce enough seedlings to potentially reforest

**~409,000 - 681,000 acres**

That's **27-45%** of the  
**~1.5 million acres**  
where forest was lost to high-  
severity fire from 2019-2021



\*According to an all lands geospatial analysis by the CA Wildfire Task Force work group on reforestation

# Congratulations on a historic cone collection season to all!



**CAL FIRE Reforestation Services**  
**USDA Forest Service Region 5**  
**American Forests/CA Cone Corps**  
**National Park Service**  
**Bureau of Land Management**  
**Bureau of Indian Affairs**  
**The Watershed Research & Training Center**  
**Sierra Nevada Alliance**  
**Great Basin Institute**  
**Feather River RCD**  
**Sugar Pine Foundation**  
**Sierra Cone, LLC**  
**SEGI Consulting**  
**New Growth Management**  
**Sierra Pacific Industries**  
**Collins Pine**  
**W.M. Beaty & Associates**  
**MAST Reforestation/Cal Forest Nurseries**  
**Carl Jackovich**  
**+ many other independent seed collectors**



#### Mission of the CA Reforestation Pipeline Cooperative

To provide a platform upon which diverse stakeholders can work together to accelerate timely, effective, climate-informed reforestation practices across all lands



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