



Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Explanation of Nursery License Types

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License Type	Who is it for?	Annual License Fee	Inspection Frequency†
Nursery Grower	Those who grow, cultivate (actively increase in size, quantity, or quality,) or overwinter winter-hardy nursery stock* for future sale on at least 1/4 acre of outdoor growing area or 200 sq. ft. of greenhouse/hoop house space. A Nursery Grower License is required for the primary sales location. A Nursery Dealer License or Registered Nursery Dealer License is also required for each additional location or vehicle from which sales occur.	\$100	Every year
Small-scale Nursery Grower	As above, except production is limited to less than 1/4 acre of outdoor growing area or 200 sq. ft. of greenhouse space. An MDARD inspector will verify eligibility at the time of inspection. A Small-scale Nursery Grower License is required for the primary sales location. An additional Small-scale Nursery Grower License or a Registered Nursery Dealer License is also required for each additional location or vehicle from which sales occur.	\$40	Every year
Nursery Dealer	Those who buy and resell winter-hardy nursery stock*, any portion of which is not Michigan-grown**. A Nursery Dealer License is required for each location or vehicle from which sales occur.	\$100	Up to every other year
Registered Nursery Dealer	Those who buy and resell winter-hardy nursery stock*, 100% of which is Michigan-grown**. A Registered Nursery Dealer License is required for each location or vehicle from which sales occur.	\$35	Periodic audits

†Also see the “Explanation of Inspection Fees” document at www.michigan.gov/mdardnursery.

*Winter-hardy nursery stock includes trees, shrubs, perennials, mums, fruit trees, berry plants, rose bushes, vines, herbs, and bulbs that are capable of surviving the winter, without special care, when planted outdoors in USDA Plant Hardiness Zone 6 (see planthardiness.ars.usda.gov.) Annual plants, cut flowers, Christmas trees and greens, cut herbs, and *Chrysanthemum* not advertised as hardy are not included.

**Michigan-grown nursery stock includes nursery stock grown by a licensed Michigan nursery grower and inspected and certified by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Nursery stock purchased from a licensed nursery dealer (including most retail garden centers) does not qualify as Michigan-grown. Nursery stock purchased from a licensed nursery grower without having been inspected and certified by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development does not qualify as Michigan-grown.

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