## Money Does Grow On Trees: A New Cash Crop

World Tree Technologies and the Empress Splendor<sup>TM</sup> tree present a unique opportunity for growers in the new "Green World".

"Together we believe that moving towards a carbon and timber based plantation we can stop the destruction of old growth forests and supply the world with a natural renewable resource, while reducing the world's carbon demands. Farmers are going to be able to put cash back into their hands and wealth can be restored to those individuals investing in a sustainable and environmentally responsible product that works," says Wendy Burton, CEO.

World Tree is now positioning itself to contract farmers to grow Empress Splendor<sup>TM</sup> trees on their land in a joint venture proposal that will be financially and globally rewarding for everyone. Big manufacturing businesses that are polluting our environment are now becoming consciously aware of the responsibility to



"Leaves are the lungs of our planet. Empress Trees sequester 6 times the amount of carbon."



This stand of 8-year-old Empress Splendor trees is a perfect example of how big the trees can grow if properly managed under ideal conditions.

offset their carbon footprint. As a result of this need, we will be seeking experienced growers as we contract with those companies who will be looking to us to offset their carbon emissions. The amazing attributes of this tree sequesters 6 times the amount of carbon than any other broad leaf deciduous tree and still allows the harvesting of its timber every 7 to 10 years and will continue to do so as it regenerates from the stump up to 7 times.

The wood is strong, lightweight and prized by musical instrument makers, cabinet makers and used for windows, doors, spindles, crown molding and trim. The wood has minimal warping, splitting, cracking, does not rot and is insect resistant. By planting 300 trees per acre on a 12 by 12-ft. grid, you can produce a minimum of 30,000 board feet of lumber at an average price of \$3 to \$14 a board foot. Ideal growing zones are 6 to 11.

Burton encourages readers to call World Tree Technologies and ask the questions that will make the difference for what matters and is important to them. She and her staff will educate and support customers in learning how to take advantage of the amazing opportunities that currently exist inside this global initiative. "We look forward to creating a profitable and positive experience for all of our customers."

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Empress trees can also be used as windbreaks as they are aesthetically pleasing.

## **Kit Turns Garden Tractor Into Mini-8N**

Don Knasel started converting garden tractors into mini-8N Fords as a way to help older tractor collectors get around tractor shows. Now he sells kits for conversion.

"I saw so many old guys who were having trouble getting around, but were too bullheaded to use a mobility unit," recalls Knasel.

A Ford N-Series collector, it was only natural his solution was a kit that made a garden tractor look like a mini-8N.

He developed a fiberglass kit that he now sells to those who wish to do their own conversion. It consists of a single piece fiberglass hood that fits over most standard garden tractors. Simply remove the existing hood and use some 1-in. by 3/16-in. metal strapping to make a couple of brackets. The new fiberglass hood is reinforced at the bottom and uses two bolts to attach.

Kit includes hood, bumper, 12-volt working headlights, radiator cap, grille decals, hood script, Ford badge, and rear



Single piece fiberglass hood fits over most standard garden tractors.

fenders with single rib and script. Sells for \$650. One of these kits sold on Barrett-Jackson Auction for \$4450.

"The hood is intended to overlap the dash by an inch or two, but some customers have gone to the point of taking an old Ford N dash and downsizing it to fit," says Knasel. We have fiberglass dashes and rear wheel center caps now available for dress-up.

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