



WHAT MAKES A LIGHT BRANCH TREE?

Light branch trees may have fewer, shorter, or less symmetrical branches, while maintaining similar overall form and caliper as our regular branched grade. While some retail garden centers and landscapers prefer the immediate fullness of regular branched trees, light branch material can offer you a more economical option for longer-term production schedules of two years or more.

This grade is used to line out fields, upshift into larger container sizes, or incorporate into ball-and-burlap production programs. With additional growing time, light branch trees develop into well-branched finished trees, making them an excellent liner option for producing larger-caliper container trees or in bareroot production.

LIGHT BRANCH LINERS FOR LONG TERM SUCCESS

Light branch trees offer several advantages, particularly as an economical liner option for long-term production plans. With the extended finishing time, trees naturally fill in and develop into a well-branched finished product. They also offer strong potential for large landscaping projects, including park and municipal plantings.

Use the light branch grade to line out in field production, upshift into larger container sizes, and to transition into ball and burlap programs. These qualities make light branch trees an excellent option for liner production and for growing larger caliper container trees.

MAXIMIZE YOUR LIGHT BRANCH LINER

Light branch trees are best suited for you if:

- Have multi-year production timelines
- Regularly grow liners into larger containers or line out a field
- Build up future inventory at a lower upfront cost

With proper management, these trees can finish comparably to standard branched grades.

WHY BUY LIGHT BRANCH LINERS?

There are multiple benefits that often go overlooked:

Strong Foundation - Caliper, root systems, and overall plant health remain consistent with Bailey quality standards.

You Create the Structure You Want - As trees establish and grow, you are more in control of how you want the overall tree structure for the program you're using it in.

Natural Branch Development - Holes will fill in overtime offering minimal differences long-term over a branched vs light branched liner.

Perfect for Long Term Production Schedules - If you already plan on a 2-3 year finishing time, you can prune and train the liners to your desired specifications.

Cost-Effective Inventory Builder - Light branch trees can be a smart way to secure future finished product while optimizing input costs.

Variety Specific Growth - Some tree varieties naturally grow at a faster rate making liner choice, light branch or regular grade, less influential on finishing times. Even if branching is sparse or uneven at planting, these tree species typically fill in and develop denser branching in a single growing season. Fast-growing genera include *Salix*, *Betula*, and *Ulmus*.



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Ask your Bailey Sales Representative about available light branch inventory and how it can fit into your production plan.