

PROVIDER PROFILE

Angelica Nurseries is the landscape professional's source of select nursery stock. Three generations of nurserymen tested thousands of cultivars to select over 500 currently under production on site in Kennedyville, Maryland. Angelica's continual commitment to customers and industry is the selection and production of high quality nursery products that are the proven choices of our customer base. Angelica seeks to improve the selection of cultivars by testing and cultivating plant materials that are improvements to the recognized old favorites.

Ideally situated between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, the nursery now encompasses over 2000 acres including some of the best Sassafras silt loam in the state. Today, Angelica is home to a wide variety of woody ornamentals, broad- and narrow-leaved evergreens, and deciduous shrubs, including many of the original stock plants. The primary focus today has changed little from the initial family mission statement of the 1960's: To produce a heavy, landscape grade plant grown to the highest standards.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

Angelica Nurseries may enjoy a moderate climate guaranteeing a longer growing season, but our plant selection includes hardy species of enduring beauty for even the harshest environments. We are constantly testing new cultivars both in the field and in landscape plantings to determine whether or not these new innovations will perform to our standards and the zonal expectations of our customer base.

B&B production cycles take from three to twelve years, depending upon crop, soil and climate. Over 80% of our seedlings, rooted cuttings, and grafts come from Angelica's own stock plants.

Tim Kohl and his son, Jim, take great pride in the field preparation and design of the optimum growing environments for each cultivar. "I like to think we grow more than an above ground plant," Tim comments. "Angelica specializes in what is below the ground-the roots. Without a strong, transplantable root system, a plant's adaptability is compromised."

Angelica's root pruning is critical to the development of a dense nutrient and water transportation system enabling the plants to withstand transplanting shock and exhibit resilience as they acclimate to their permanent location.



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As with any practice that produces a superior product, there are trade-offs. Root pruning lengthens production time by more than 30% over plants that are non-root pruned. Taxus sp may be root pruned as many as four times during a production cycle. Angelica's adherence to stringent standards require the sacrifice of quick turn-over to ensure top quality and vigor on the job.

Working with woody ornamentals and evergreens, both broad-leaved and needle, exercises many techniques in above ground shaping. Attention is given to stake and leader work and regular shearing to produce textbook plant types and forms. Frequently we are advised by our clientele on different regional expectations as to form, i.e. columnar, pyramidal, and we listen.

"Part of customer service and satisfaction is listening to what is needed in the industry," Bernie Kohl, Jr., third generation, points out. "We like to think that we will continue to modify our growing operations to fill more of our customers' needs and requests."

In this technological age, Angelica still remains predominantly a "hands-on" industry. Your order is individually graded and custom dug. The time between digging and shipping is kept to an absolute minimum. From order placement to field, grading and tagging to loading dock, your plant material is followed by quality control inventory staff who have logged many years experience working on Angelica product.

Angelica also offers delivery through Nursery Cargo. These professional plant transport specialists are located on the nursery premises.

Angelica's commitment to our customers is the assurance that every B&B plant dug will have those nursery specified attributes of aesthetic branching, healthy foliage, and transplanting survivability. The root pruning produces a fine, fibrous root ball readily concentrated when dug and burlapped by our seasoned workforce. Angelica will work with our customer base to provide those services making it easier for the landscape professional to provide for their clientele. Our industry is a two-way communication street and Angelica welcomes customer input.



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