

Edible and Medicinal Mushroom Project

The Edible and Medicinal Mushroom Project at NC A&T State University is once again offering free shiitake mushroom spawn to growers who follow the requirements below:

1. You must live in North Carolina.
2. You must attend an inoculation workshop.

*The WNC workshop will be held at
Ray-Cort Rec. Park in Burnsville on February 26, 2010.

3. You must cut and inoculate a minimum of 200 logs in the first year.
 4. You must purchase your own tools and materials for inoculation including drill bit, inoculation plunger, and cheese wax. These can be purchased at one of the following: fieldforest.net, mushroompeople.com, fungiperfecti.com. Plan on spending between \$100 and \$150.
 5. Sign a consent form in which you agree to: provide information about your production; provide sales records which are used
 6. At least once a year, you will be required to complete a survey.
- Oak logs are recommended for this project. Cut your logs from live trees only when the leaves are down; inoculate within 3 weeks of cutting.
Requests for spawn orders should be made through your county agent by December 30, 2007 for delivery during the Jan-March 2008 inoculation period.

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