

WILLOW & POPLAR POLES

Poles – Stakes – Cuttings

Main Uses Are:

- * Timber
- * Shelter
- * Erosion Control
- * Shade for Stock Protection
- * Stock Feed during Drought

POLES – 3M – Required where cattle are grazed

2.5m and 2m – Suitable if sheep only are grazed in the
1st year

PROTECT FROM STOCK WITH 1.8M DYNEX SLEEVES

Note: Poles are sufficiently robust to sustain some pressure from stock if planted deep enough (75-90cm for 3m poles) and protected from rubbing or ring barking with Dynex protectors (or other means). High stocking rates are not advised in the first season of establishment.

STAKES & CUTTINGS – Suitable for shelter rows, erosion control, summer stock feed and woodlots where complete stock protection is offered or where planted in areas retired from grazing until adequately established.

Cuttings – 75cm– Plant to half their depth. Driven or hammered into the ground if the ground is sufficiently moist. New roots develop in the upper soil layer right to the ground surface.

Growth is predominantly from the top of the cutting or pole. Where ‘multiple’ leaders form, the less dominant ones are pruned back after the first seasons growth, leaving a single main leader to form the main trunk of the tree.

1m or 1.5m stakes – Plant 50-70cm deep where possible. Good weed/grass control, particularly in the first season, is essential for good establishment results. Growth rates can be doubled with good weed control as a result of offering more moisture and nutrient availability to the newly developing roots.

Be very wary of using residual herbicides in the first two years. Some chemicals such as Caraguard are very effective for good long term control once trees are well established, but should not be used at all on newly establishing trees for the first two years. Calibrate spray equipment to ensure correct rates are being applied.

Best establishment period is from June through to early August. Cuttings and stakes can be planted later, into September, in favourable areas.

NB. This material is cut and prepared to order. Therefore some notice is required for supply, particularly if larger numbers are requested.