



**ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY**  
SILVICULTURE CRITERIA 2020-21

**CROP TREE RELEASE**

(Category 7a)

*“A thinning technique used to promote the growth of selected trees through the removal of less desirable trees. Crop tree release increases the health and present value of a stand, and also enhances the stand’s future value, by concentrating growth on the most desirable trees.”*

To be eligible for funding, the site must conform to the following criteria **prior to treatment**:

Crop Tree Species	<b>SW:</b> RS, RP, WP, EH <b>HW:</b> WAS, YB, SM, RO, WB, RM
Average Diameter of Crop Trees (1.3 m from ground)	≥ 15 cm (with no crop tree less than 10 cm in diameter)

To be eligible for funding, the **submitted** area must conform to the following criteria:

Number of Released Crop Trees	≥ 125 trees/ ha
Crop Tree Species	<b>SW:</b> RS, RP, WP, EH <b>HW:</b> WAS, YB, SM, RO, WB, RM
Post-treatment basal area (BA)	≥ 15 m <sup>2</sup> /ha
Average Diameter of Crop Trees (1.3 m from ground)	≥ 15 cm (with no crop tree less than 10 cm in diameter)
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crop trees <b>MUST</b> be marked for identification</li> <li>• Crop trees must be released on at least 3 sides of the crown</li> </ul>

**Rates**

**\$375/ha**

**Note:** This treatment may be combined with Crop Tree Pruning during the same year. Note that *not all species* eligible for Crop Tree Release are also eligible for Crop Tree Pruning.

All ASF silviculture rates are subject to change without notice.