

# Northern Red Oak

*Quercus rubra*



**Notify Badoura Nursery at 218-652-2385 as you begin collecting and purchasing acorns. Call if you have ANY questions.**

- Acorns typically ripen from September 15 to October 15
- Ripe acorns will be reddish-brown in color
- Ripe acorns don't have the cap attached
- Collected acorns need to be floated in water. Collectors must discard floating acorns and debris.
- Collectors should float acorns overnight (12-16 hrs.) the same day of collection. Keep the acorns moist.
- Only purchase acorns that have been floated.
- Acorns should be free of insect damage. Acorns with insect exit holes should be avoided. They normally float. Sinkers are okay.
- Acorns should be delivered weekly or sooner to purchasing stations.
- Acorns should be kept in a cool place, on a cement floor, cooler, or open 5-gallon pails until delivered for purchase.