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## SESSION I: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS®

**Evelyn Healy:** How did you separate the immature from mature seeds?

**Dave Kolotelo:** We don't do that very well. We try to avoid it at all costs. When we get a seed lot that has a high proportion of immature seed we have to make a tough decision. Do we keep a lot of that material in and probably deal with a very low germination rate or do we separate the seed reducing viable seed yield? We don't do much physiological separation.

**Evelyn Healy:** How do you determine when the seed is about 10% moisture content?

**Paul Vrijmoed:** Having worked with tree seeds for many years you gradually learn how to get the seed to about 10% moisture content.

**Mike Anderson:** Do you use the same device for de-winging wet and dry seed?

**Dave Kolotelo:** We use a foam insert for seeds that are a little more fragile than others and let them stay in a little longer.

**Mike Anderson:** Have you every used that technique for de-winging maple seeds?

**Dave Kolotelo:** No, we've never had to do that.

**Germain Boivin:** Do you think the European Union (EU) has had anything to do with the decline of the nursery industry?

**David Aylieff-Sansom:** Yes, I believe the EU has had a major impact. They have been able to get their production costs down to such a level that product coming in from mainland Europe is 15%–25% cheaper than what would be produced in the home market. The ready supply of it is such that many UK growers are dropping some crops coming in from Europe.