

COLLECTING ACORNS FOR THE WHITE OAK GENETICS & TREE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



1. Find a white oak tree dropping acorns, use the free TreeSnap app (<https://treesnap.org/>) to take a photo and enter info about the tree.
2. Fill in the information sheet below and put it in a plastic sandwich sized bag.
3. Punch ~4 air holes in a one-gallon ziplock type bag (I use a phillip's head screwdriver).
4. Get a free medium-sized priority box at a post office or order a free one: https://store.usps.com/store/product/shipping-supplies/priority-mail-medium-flat-rate-box-1-P_O_FRB1
5. Fill the bag with acorns collected **from the ground from under ONE tree** that are brown (not green) and either don't have caps or the cap comes off with a slight touch with your finger.
6. As you collect acorns, drop them in a bowl of water. Discard all acorns that float (these will not grow). Dry excess water from the acorns that sank and put them in the one-gallon bag with air holes punched in it.
 - You can collect over several days, but keep the bag in a cool location during this time. **Don't close the bag until you are ready to mail it to UK.**
7. Email Laura.DeWald@uky.edu when your bag is 2/3 full of acorns that sank. I will send stamps and a mailing label to ship the acorns to me at the University of Kentucky.
8. Put your info sheet in the plastic sandwich bag inside your bag of acorns, put your bag of acorns in the medium-sized priority mail box, tape it closed, affix postage and address label that I sent you, and drop off your package at a post office.



Fill out this form and return it with your acorns!

Your Name: _____ Date Collected: _____

Your email address: _____

County & State: _____

Nearest Town: _____

TreeSnap Identifier: _____
(from TreeSnap or your own)

GPS Coordinates of the Tree: _____