

## CARE OF BAREROOT PECAN TREES

When ordering pecan trees the nurseryman should be aware of some facts about them. The tap root is usually extra long and should not be pruned when canned. Most heeling bins are not deep enough for pecan trees to be stood upright, so they should be heeled in laying at an angle so all roots are covered. When the trees are sold bareroot, **make sure the customer understands the tree must be planted 2" deeper than the old soil line.** A definite line can be seen at the original soil level.

This is also true when canning the tree. We recognize cans used in the nurseries are not deep enough for pecan trees. We suggest sleeving the cans (see illustration) in such a manner that the **container mix covers the entire root system plus 2" above the old soil line; this allows for soil to settle and still cover the entire root system below the old soil level.** Tar paper, roofing paper, etc., can be used with wire wrapped around them, holding them in place, so the proper depth can be obtained. If these methods are used, pecan losses should be kept to a minimum.

**Planting Pecans:**  
Original roots must remain covered!

