

# CARE OF BAREROOT PECAN TREES

When ordering pecan trees the customer should be aware of some facts about them. The tap root is usually extra long and should not be pruned. 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. If this method is used, pecan losses should be kept to a minimum.

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

**90% of losses occur in this area due to exposed roots.**

**New soil level.**  
(Note: 2" above level as grown in the field.)

Union

Feeder Roots

Tap Root

## PLANTING NEW PECAN TREES

- 1) Make sure your auger is large enough to drill a hole deep enough to accommodate the entire taproot. Pecan taproots can be 30+ inches long.
- 2) Avoid glazing the sides of your hole in heavier soils as this may trap the water and drown your trees. Roots often fail to penetrate glazed sides creating a root bound tree.
- 3) Water in your new tree at planting and avoid further irrigation until leaf out. Over watering may prevent your tree from leafing out.