



## 3 - 4 Years

Willow is harvested every three to four years depending on the plant growth. Harvesting is done during the dormant season in winter (mid-October to early March) after leaf fall and before bud break.

## 32-60% of costs

Harvesting is the single largest cost component of willow biomass production accounting for about 32-60% of costs over the life-cycle of the crop (20 plus years).

## Harvesting methods

There are multiple ways of harvesting willow including the whole stem, cut and chip, and bundle harvesting systems.

## Profit

Efforts to reduce harvesting costs by improving the performance and reliability of the harvesters and chip collection system are essential for the profitability of willow production.

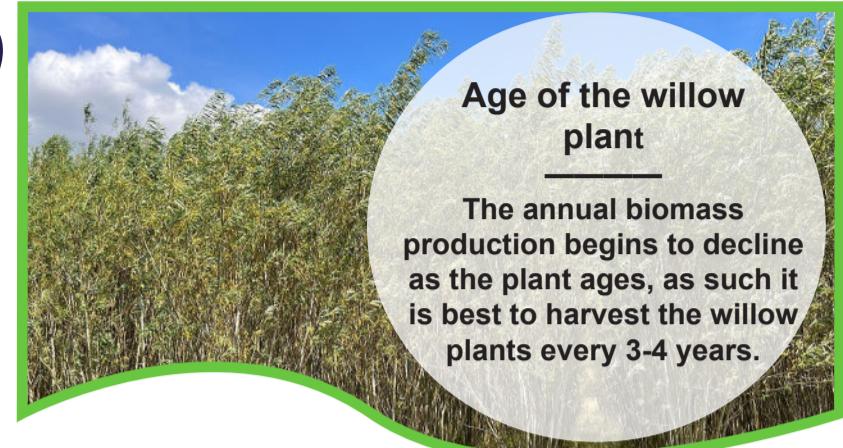
# Willow Harvesting

## 10 things to consider

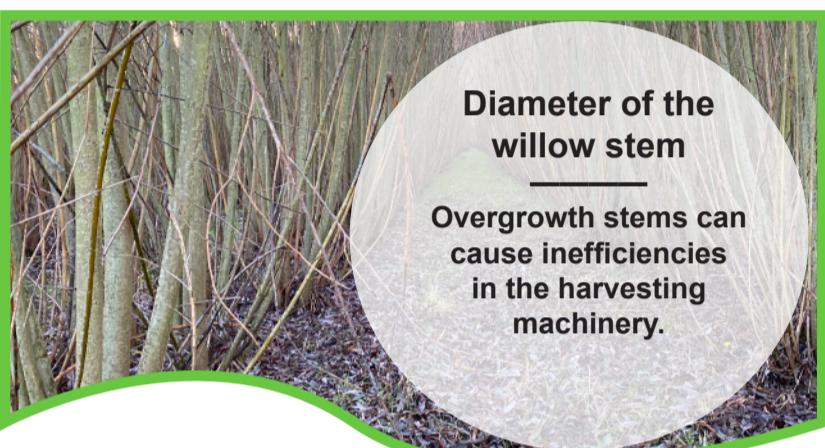
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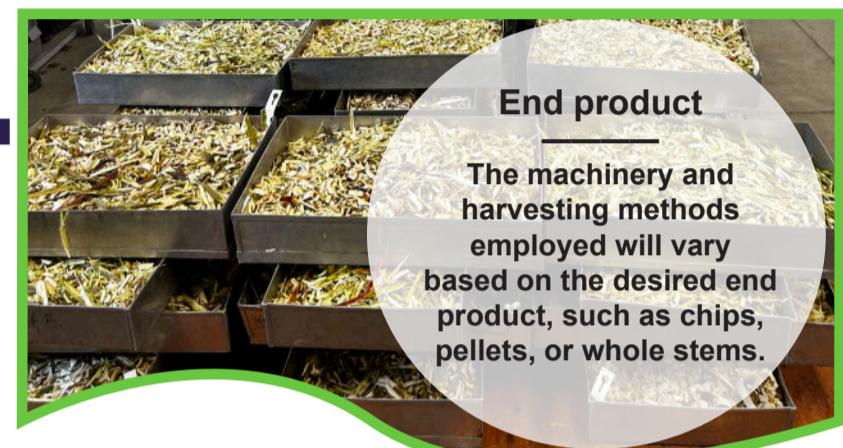
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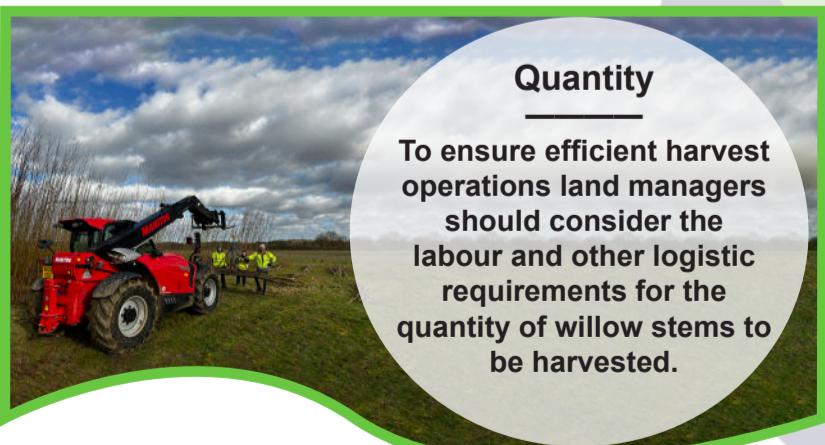
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