

QUICK TREE FACTS



- ✓ There are approximately 25 - 30 million Real Christmas Trees sold in the U.S. every year.
- ✓ There are close to 350 million Real Christmas Trees currently growing on Christmas Tree farms in the U.S. alone, all planted by farmers.
- ✓ North American Real Christmas Trees are grown in all 50 states and Canada. Eighty percent (80%) of artificial trees worldwide are manufactured in China, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.
- ✓ Real Trees are a renewable, recyclable resource. Artificial trees contain non-biodegradable plastics and possible metal toxins such as lead.
- ✓ There are more than 4,000 local Christmas Tree recycling programs throughout the U.S.
- ✓ For every Real Christmas Tree harvested, 1 to 3 seedlings are planted the following spring.
- ✓ There are about 350,000 acres in production for growing Christmas Trees in the U.S.; much of it preserving green space.
- ✓ There are close to 15,000 farms growing Christmas Trees in the U.S., and over 100,000 people employed full or part-time in the industry.
- ✓ It can take as many as 15 years to grow a tree of typical height (6 - 7 feet) or as little as 4 years, but the average growing time is 7 years.
- ✓ The top Christmas Tree producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Washington. (For a complete list of all 50 states ranked by several variables, see the NCTA Web site.)
- ✓ The most common Christmas Tree species are: balsam fir, Douglas-fir, Fraser fir, noble fir, Scotch pine, Virginia pine and white pine.

Source: USDA National Statistics Service (NASS), National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA) and your local Christmas Tree professional.

For more information, visit: www.realchristmastrees.org or call Rick Dungey at 636-449-5071.