

Christmas Tree Contest – Guidelines for Judging & Scoring Sheet

Effective 3-4-2011

Tree Number _____

Category: (circle one) True Fir Douglas-fir Pine Spruce Other

	Possible Points	Score	Comments
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FOLIAGE: (100 points)

Absence of insects and/or diseases	0-20	_____	
Density (appropriate for species)	0-20	_____	
Uniformity of balance (gaps, crown thickness, internal structure weak branches, whorls)	0-20	_____	
Quality of cultural work (long branches, multiple tops)	0-20	_____	
Cleanliness	0-20	_____	

HANDLE: (20 points)

Length (min. 6"; max. 12")	0-20	_____	
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TAPER: (20 points)

Pines 40%-90% Firs, Spruces, Others 40%-70%	0-20	_____	
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TOP: (20 points)

Proper length, proportion to taper, Full top, good needle coverage	0-20	_____	
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MARKETABILITY: (40 points)

Consumer acceptance (First impression, color, taper, etc.)	0-20	_____	
Number of good faces (USDA Standards)	0-20	_____	

Total Points (0-200) _____

Note: Tree keepability, although very important, will not be considered because of the different environmental conditions present throughout the nation's retail markets.