



Quick Tree Facts

- ✓ There are on average 25-30 million Real Christmas Trees sold in the U.S. every year.
- ✓ There are approximately 310 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 local Christmas Tree recycling programs throughout North America which utilize the plant material for numerous purposes.
- ✓ Between January and May, 1 to 3 seedlings are planted at farms to replace trees harvested for the previous Christmas.
- ✓ There are about 309,365 acres in production for growing Christmas Trees in the U.S.; much of it preserving green space.
- ✓ There are close to 13,000 farms growing Christmas Trees in the U.S., and an estimated 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 6 to 8 years.
- ✓ The top Christmas Tree producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Washington.
- ✓ Common Christmas Tree species (in alphabetical order) are: Balsam fir, Douglas-fir, Fraser fir, Noble fir, Scotch pine, Virginia pine and White pine. But there are more than 35 species of conifers grown as Christmas Trees.

Source: USDA National Ag Statistics Service (NASS), National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA) and your local Christmas Tree professional. For more information, visit www.realchristmastrees.org.