

Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

THE TREE FARMER'S TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

by Aaron Burakoff

"The Tree Farmer's Twelve Days of Christmas" is a farm-friendly take on the classic Christmas carol. Each spread contains a lyric and a fun fact about the process of growing and harvesting Christmas Trees.



Fun 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.
- *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.
- *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
- *There are close to 15,000 farms growing Christmas Trees in the U.S., and over 100,000 people are 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.
- *To find a CFM that has Christmas Trees click [here](#).

Videos

- *Georgia Farm Monitor- Georgia Christmas Tree Farms Nourish Our Holiday Spirit
- *Georgia Farm Monitor- Ranger Nick - Growing Christmas Trees / Trees For Troops
- *Georgia Farm Monitor- Georgia Christmas Tree Farm Helps Create Holiday Spirit
- *National Geographic Kids video- Christmas Tree Farm | Nature Boom Time

Activities

- *Popsicle Stick Christmas tree
- *Christmas Tree Cones
- *Pine tree discovery bottles
- *Christmas STEM ideas
- *Christmas Tree Add and Color
- *Christmas tree snack-ice cream cone, frosting and candy