THE TREE FARMER’S TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS
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“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