

Quick Tree Facts

- ◆ There are approximately 30-35 million Real Christmas Trees sold in the U.S. every year.
- ◆ Real Trees are a renewable, recyclable resource. Consumers can locate the nearest recycling program by logging onto www.realchristmastrees.org or calling 1-800-CLEANUP.
- ◆ For every Real Christmas Tree harvested, up to 3 seedlings are planted in its place the following spring.
- ◆ There are about 500,000 acres in production for growing Christmas Trees in the U.S. Each acre provides the daily oxygen requirements of 18 people.
- ◆ There are about 21,000 Christmas Tree growers 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 average retail sale height (6 - 7 feet) or as little as 4 years, depending upon the variety, but the average growing time is 7 years.
- ◆ The top Christmas Tree producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Washington.
- ◆ The top selling Christmas Trees are: balsam fir, Douglas-fir, Fraser fir, noble fir, Scotch pine, Virginia pine and white pine.
- ◆ Most artificial trees (85%) sold in the U.S. are manufactured in Chinese factories and are made of non-biodegradable metals and plastics. The plastic material, typically PVC, can be a potential source of hazardous lead.

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