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## News of the Month

December is a great time to learn about Christmas tree farming in New Jersey. The state's 639 Christmas tree farms, which spread over 5,300 acres, sell 85,000 trees each year.

A fun fact: the very first Christmas tree farm in America was planted in Hamilton, New Jersey in 1901.

Check out our power point presentation [Christmas Trees Are Grown on Farms](#) to learn how Christmas trees are planted, grown, and harvested.

If you're looking for a fun and educational project for those last days of school before winter break, try making seed necklaces, an activity that engages all students PreK-5. (Older students can germinate seeds without the necklace.) Students can take their necklaces home and watch their seeds germinate and grow during their vacation.

## Lessons of the Month

[Christmas Trees Are Grown on Farms, Grades K-5](#)

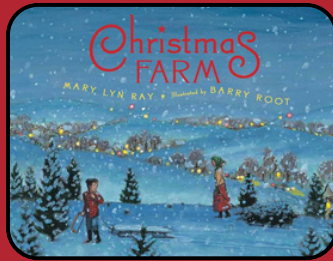
[Christmas Farm, Grades 3-5](#)

[Seed Necklaces, Grades PreK-5](#)

## Library Corner

*Christmas Farm* by Mary Lyn Ray

Students solve math problems while learning how Christmas trees are grown.



There's a new link available for our digital children's book [From the Garden State to Your Plate, Farming Fruits and Vegetables in New Jersey.](#)

The book is designed to introduce children to agriculture, the state's third largest industry. It highlights 10 top fruit and vegetable crops grown here and explains where, when, and how each crop is grown. Check our book out [here](#).

