

CHRISTMAS TREES

Wisconsin Christmas Trees by the Numbers

- Christmas trees harvested in Wisconsin annually: **700,341**
- Number of wreaths & garland made each year in Wisconsin more than: **600,000**
- Acres of Christmas trees in Wisconsin: **23,373**
- Christmas tree farms in Wisconsin: **859**
- Wisconsin is ranked **5TH** in the number of trees harvested across the nation following behind Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan and Pennsylvania.
- Christmas trees are grown in all **50** states.



How long does it take?

- 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**.
- Farmers plant **2-3 TREES** for each that is harvested, keeping the land in green space.

Common types of Christmas trees grown in Wisconsin:

Balsam Fir, Fraser Fir, Canaan Fir, Scotch Pine, White Pine and Spruce.

What is a Christmas Tree Farm?

- A Christmas tree farm plants trees for you to **ENJOY**, just like pumpkins or flowers.
- Tree farms are **OPEN IN THE WINTER** for you to buy from. After trees are cut, they are shaken to remove dead needles and then baled to compress them for transport.
- Tree farms are a great place to find **WILDLIFE**, birds and insects – the **HABITAT** supports bear, deer, turkeys, rabbits, pheasants, rodents, fox, coyotes and other animals. You may even see a wild elk in northern Wisconsin.



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