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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH A LIVE TREE FROM NEBRASKA TREE GROWERS

LINCOLN — As the holidays approach, consider adding the beautiful look, wonderful smell, and cheerful memories of a real Christmas tree to your home this holiday season. No matter what kind of Christmas tree you're looking for, Nebraska tree farmers have your holidays covered. A directory of local Christmas tree farm growers is available on the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's (NDA) website at nda.nebraska.gov/publications/promotion/christmas_trees/trees.html.

"Using real Christmas trees for holiday decorations benefits tree growers, their communities and the environment," said NDA Director Sherry Vinton. "Christmas tree farmers often plant two to three seedlings for every tree they harvest. They work hard throughout the year nurturing those trees and shaping their growth with care and precision."

The environment benefits from tree farms, as well. While they're growing, trees absorb carbon dioxide and emit fresh oxygen. Trees protect natural resources like soil and water, and they provide healthy habitats for wildlife. After the holidays, real trees can be recycled into mulch for gardens and parks, or they can be dropped into lakes to provide habitats and feeding areas for fish.

"Christmas tree growers help bring holiday traditions to life," said Vinton. "Their dedication and passion not only yield beautiful trees, but also foster a sense of community and celebration."

Producers can be listed in NDA's Christmas tree growers directory, at no cost, by completing NDA's **Nebraska Christmas tree producer profile** online.

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