



Ag in the Classroom

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North Carolina Ag Mag Christmas Trees Scavenger Hunt (6-12)

1. When did Christmas trees gain popularity in the United States? **1856, when President Franklin put one in the White House**
2. Where were the first Christmas tree farms located? **NE US- Vermont, Pennsylvania, Upper New York, Maine and New Hampshire.**
3. Which type of tree do growers in the mountains of NC plant? **Fraser Fir**
4. How many trees are growing in NC? How many growers are producing trees in NC? **50 million trees; 1300 growers**
5. Why is the Fraser Fir the most popular tree grown in NC? **The mountains of NC provide the perfect conditions: cooler climate, plentiful rainfall. The Fraser fir is shade tolerant and enjoys rocky soil.**
6. What other tree species are used as Christmas trees? **White Pine, Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, Blue ICE, Carolina Sapphire**
7. Which one is your favorite and why? **Answers vary**
8. Where is the White House Christmas tree displayed? **The Blue Room**
9. What is the most damaging natural enemy of Christmas trees? **Balsam woolly adelgid (aphid)**
10. Elongate hemlock scale males produce a white waxy coating on the top surface of the needles.
11. What is "Trees for Troops"? **A program that donates trees to military personnel**

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12. How many trees were donated to Fort Hood and the USCG Lower Mississippi River Station?

800

13. What does an Extension Specialist who works around Christmas trees do? **Provides research based information to agents so that they can work with growers to solve their pest control problems safely and inexpensively.**

14. According to Avery Barr, how long does it take to grow a six to seven-foot tree? **12 years of labor**

15. There is a debate over real versus artificial trees. List at least 3 advantages and 3 disadvantages of each. **Answer vary (use graphic in Ag Mag)**

If using with Breakout boxes, here are some possible lock combinations:

Word lock: APHID

4-digit lock: 1856

3-digit lock: 800

Color lock: BLUE dots