

Greetings from Evergreen Farm!

My how our farm has grown! You have encouraged us with your continued patronage, and helped increase our customer base by telling others of our existence. (Surprisingly, we still get an occasional Sterling resident who did not know we were here!) We thank you for your help. We continue to attempt to give you the best experience – and tree – possible.

This past spring and summer provided ideal growing conditions so we had a bumper crop of trees ready for harvest this year. The drought, however, did take a toll on the younger trees. We will be planting extra numbers next spring to replace our losses.

Demand for the experience of coming to a farm to cut your own tree continues to grow. It's not just the tree that you all come for, I'm sure. The family outing in a "real" environment complete with refreshments, a warm shed and some special decorations add to the enjoyment. Those who buy artificial trees miss this opportunity. Taking a tree made overseas out of a box from your closet...? We can't imagine!

Wildlife continues to flourish. You may have noticed some fir trees bashed by a male deer (buck). Turkeys are everywhere – 22 or more sometimes – often feeding nearby as we work in the plantations or look out the windows.

Your support of agriculture in Massachusetts is crucial, if farms such as this are to provide open space with all of its benefits. Buying fake trees, on the other hand, does nothing to help our state's agricultural community. So, thanks for coming!

I am sure you will join us in praying for peace on our planet, and we wish you peace at this most special time of year.

Bill, Julie, family and crew.