

Greetings from Evergreen Farm!

We look forward to our third year of re-aligning our tree rows, which will lead to a significant increase in tree production in the future. Your loyalty to our farm, with continued support and “spreading the word” to your friends has encouraged us to expand.

In addition, our experience in growing various species, with your preferences in mind, is resulting in our decision to plant more Fraser and Balsam fir. We hope to be able to meet your demand for the size and species of trees that you desire. We do pay attention. But remember that it takes 12 to 14 years to grow a tree from seed to harvest! But since we have three generations of the family working on the farm, we hope to have caretakers of the plantations for many years to come.

You have noticed we left various species of hardwood trees and bushes among the evergreens. They do create some shade on our Christmas trees and compete for water and nutrients, but we enjoy their shade in the summer and their color in the fall. Many birds and mammals enjoy them as perches and sources of food, as well. And their leaves, when dropped, enrich the soil as they decay.

We hope you noticed our middle tote road, now covered in stone. The once muddy path into the plantation should now be an easier walk, with out the muddy shoes. And it should be easier for those of you with strollers, too.

Wildlife continues to flourish. One highlight was the presence of two pileated woodpeckers – rather rare in our area. Another highlight was the sighting of a wood turtle, also rare in our neck of the woods.

We hope you enjoy your tree and treasure this holiday season with your family.

Bill, Julie, Bob, family and staff.