

Welcome to Evergreen Farm!

Another year has gone and here we are at our 34th Christmas season. It's hard for us to believe it has been that long. Thanks to you we are still growing.

It has been a tough year for many local farmers. The growing year featured approximately fifteen inches of rain between the end of May and mid-June. Many of our Christmas trees, particularly the Fraser firs, do not do well with so much rain. And all that rain was followed by a very hot and dry spell from July 1st to July 25th which further stressed many of our trees. We lost more trees to mortality this year than we can ever recall, but we will persevere! We planted several hundred trees in the fall to offset our losses, and will plant another 2,000 or more in the spring.

As you wander through the farm, you may notice some of the Christmas tree plantations are divided by a strip of forest. These small blocks of woods are called greenways and have been left on purpose. Many birds and mammals use these greenways for cover. We also think the greenways improve the aesthetics of the farm, as well. The only drawback is the shade they throw on our Christmas trees, slowing their growth.

We continue to increase the number of trees we plant each year in an effort to meet your demand for quality Christmas trees. We are also offering more wreaths and roping than ever before. This year we will have 8", 12" and 30" diameter wreaths (in addition to our popular candy cane and snowflake wreaths) and our two varieties of roping in 9 foot sections. If you wish to purchase wreaths and roping in sizes larger than what we normally sell, please call ahead so we can plan for your needs.

Our warmest wishes to you for this special season. **Merry Christmas!**

The Gauld family and staff