

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 24-Sept. 4, 2017

Christmas Trees

Superintendent.....Kim Ustruck, St. Paul, MN

Board Member..... Wally Wichmann, Balaton, MN

Christmas Tree Rules

1. **Eligibility.**
 - A. **Divisions 1-8.** Limited to professional Christmas tree growers.
 - B. **Divisions 9-11.** Open to anyone.
2. **Entries.** No exhibitor shall make more than one entry in a single class, either in their own name, the name of the farm or company, or in the name of some other person. No individual may exhibit more than 10 trees in divisions 1-7 (classes 1-14). Only registered trees will be eligible for exhibit. Requests to switch classes after registration has closed may be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Office and the Superintendent.
3. **Exhibits.** All exhibits in Divisions 1-10 must have been grown in Minnesota.
 - A. All trees shall be cut from their roots.
 - B. Trees shall be placed in water holding stands provided by the State Fair. The stand will not be considered by the judges.
 - C. Artificial coloring is prohibited in Classes 1-8.
 - D. The height of the tree shall be measured from the butt of the trunk to the tip of the leader. The width of the tree shall be measured from branch tip to branch tip at the widest part of the tree.
 - E. Exhibit tags shall be provided by the State Fair. These tags **MUST** be properly filled out and securely affixed to the tree at eye level of any tree exhibited or to the bottom of the wreath ring of any wreath exhibited. Any entry without a registration tag shall be eliminated from the competition.
 - F. It shall be the responsibility of each exhibitor to provide their own tree or greens. If you do not actively grow Christmas Trees you may contact Donna Revak at d.revak@frontiernet.net for assistance. All arrangements must be made prior to delivery of exhibits.
 - G. Exhibits entered in Other Decorations (division 11) shall be limited to table centerpieces, hanging baskets and planters/pots. All exhibits entered in this class are expected to include decorations and greens.
 - H. State Fair is **NOT** obligated to display all entries submitted. Every effort shall be made to display all entries submitted according to space available. At least one entry per exhibitor shall be displayed.
 - J. Wreaths (division 10) must be made of natural conifer greens affixed on a 12" ring. All wreaths must have a hanger loop at the top of the wreath firmly affixed to the ring.
4. **Judging.** Judges shall place only those entries worthy of an award. The decision of the judges is final.
5. **Return of Exhibits.** Decorations and exhibits may be picked up after the fair on the day after Labor Day (Tuesday) between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Items not picked up during this time will be disposed of.

Judging Criteria - Christmas Trees

Foliage.....	10
<i>fresh, clean, uniform</i>	
Taper.....	10
<i>Pine 40%-90%, Fir and Spruce 40%-70%</i>	
Density.....	10
<i>medium or higher</i>	
Color.....	10
<i>natural, normal</i>	
Naturalness.....	10
<i>not perfectly smooth outside appearance</i>	
Damages or defects.....	30
<i>crooked stem, holes, uneven sides, etc.</i>	
Overall effect.....	20
<i>overall general effect and appearance of tree</i>	
	100

Judging Criteria - Decorated Trees, Wreaths and Other Decorations

Overall effect.....	25
Craftsmanship.....	25
Proportion.....	10
Balance.....	10
Rhythm.....	10
Dominance.....	10
Originality.....	10
	100

Division 1: Norway Pine

Premiums for Norway Pine

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for Norway Pine

Norway Pine

- 1 Norway Pine, 5 to 7 feet
- 2 Norway Pine, 7 to 9 feet

Division 2: Scotch Pine

Premiums for Scotch Pine

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for Scotch Pine

Scotch Pine

- 3 Scotch Pine, 5 to 7 feet
- 4 Scotch Pine, 7 to 9 feet

Division 3: White Pine

Premiums for White Pine

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for White Pine

White Pine

5 White Pine, 5 to 7 feet

6 White Pine, 7 to 9 feet

Division 4: Colorado Spruce

Premiums for Colorado Spruce

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for Colorado Spruce

Colorado Spruce

- 7 Colorado Spruce, 5 to 7 feet
- 8 Colorado Spruce, 7 to 9 feet

Division 5: Balsam Fir

Premiums for Balsam Fir

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for Balsam Fir

Balsam Fir

9 Balsam Fir, 5 to 7 feet

10 Balsam Fir, 7 to 9 feet

Division 6: Fraser Fir

Premiums for Fraser Fir

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for Fraser Fir

Fraser Fir

- 11 Fraser Fir, 5 to 7 feet
- 12 Fraser Fir, 7 to 9 feet

Division 7: Canaan Fir

Premiums for Canaan Fir

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for Canaan Fir

Canaan Fir

- 13 Canaan Fir, 5 to 7 feet
- 14 Canaan Fir, 7 to 9 feet

Division 8: Exotic Trees

Premiums for Exotic Trees

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for Exotic Trees

Exotic Trees

15 Tree not eligible for divisions 1-7, 6 to 8 feet

Division 9: Decorated Trees

Premiums for Decorated Trees

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for Decorated Trees

Decorated Trees

- 16 Traditionally decorated tree, 6 to 8 feet
- 17 Contemporary decorated tree, 6 to 8 feet

Division 10: Wreaths

Premiums for Wreaths

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for Wreaths

Wreaths

- 18 Decorated wreaths
- 19 Undecorated wreaths

Division 11: Other Decorations

Premiums for Other Decorations

Christmas Trees (unless otherwise listed)

\$50 \$40 \$30 \$20 \$10

Class Listing for Other Decorations

Other Decorations

20 Other decorations

Table centerpieces, hanging baskets, planters/pots only

Division 12: Champions

Premiums for Champions

Grand and Reserve Champion Christmas Tree
\$50 \$25

Class Listing for Champions

26 Grand and Reserve Champion Christmas Tree