

## Department 25 – CHRISTMAS TREES

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This Department is provided to encourage proper cultural practices for New York State's newest agricultural industry to the end that consumers may benefit by better trees for their Christmas decorations.

### SPECIFIC RULES FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

1. Entry forms and fees for this department must be received by the Entry Department, New York State Fair, no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, August 14, 2009**.
2. Trees will be shown on the lawn of the northwest corner of the Master Spas Horticulture Building.
3. Trees for this competitive exhibit must have been grown in New York State on land owned or operated by the exhibitor.
4. Trees to be exhibited **must** be within the 5 to 8 feet range, measurements to be made from the bottom of the handle to the top of the tip.
  - a) Trees to be exhibited **should** have a well-trimmed clean handle. Standard trees **should** have a minimum of 10" and table tops a minimum of 6" from the bottom of the trunk to the first branch/branches.
5. No trees may be exhibited with limbs or foliage added that did not grow naturally in place.
6. Trees may be naturally grown or sheared and shaped by the exhibitor.
7. No holders should accompany trees. All trees will be supported in like manner.
8. **Only one tree may be entered in any class by an exhibitor.**
9. No premiums will be awarded in any class unless exhibits are worthy. Judge may eliminate any tree which is unqualified.
10. Exhibits must have tag attached showing number of exhibitor, class number and species of tree. After judging, exhibitor will be permitted to label his exhibit with his name and address.
11. Exhibits must be delivered to the northwest corner of the Master Spas Horticulture Building no later than 8:00 p.m. **Wednesday, August 26, 2009** – or they will not be eligible to compete.
12. **Exhibitors are not allowed in the tree judging area on Opening Day.**

### JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND CANNOT BE CHANGED!

Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
01. Canaan Fir	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20	Ribbon
02. Fraser Fir	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20	Ribbon
03. Balsam Fir	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20	Ribbon
04. Concolor Fir	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20	Ribbon

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05. Other Firs	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20	Ribbon
06. Colorado Spruce	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20	Ribbon
07. Other Spruce	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20	Ribbon
08. Pines	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20	Ribbon
09. Table Tops 36" to 48" (any species)	\$40	\$35	\$25	\$20	Ribbon
10. Decorated Table Top Any evergreen species 42" to 54" overall including top decoration. Decorated dimensions are not to exceed 54" height and 54" diameter.	\$45	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20

GRAND CHAMPION.....Rosette plus \$25 in addition to above premium  
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION .....Rosette plus \$15 in addition to above premium

**NOTE:** A COURT OF CHAMPIONS will be provided to show the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and the Best Tree in each class.

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