

Pacific Northwest **Christmas Tree** Association

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Christmas Tree Growers and Industry Friends:

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting a survey of Oregon and Washington Christmas tree growers. This is a vital tool to help growers, managers and other professionals make more informed decisions related to the Northwest Christmas tree industry. We have seen the results from past surveys used for:

- Making informed planting decisions
- Helping creditors make loan decisions
- Providing a basis for legal judgments
- Government related funding decisions (grants, emergency funding, etc.)

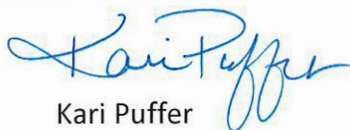
Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey. Your assistance in returning the survey in a timely manner helps greatly in getting the completed information back to our industry and also helps reduce the overall cost of the project.

All individual and farm information is kept confidential and protected by a strict NASS privacy policy*.

The results of this survey will be available later this year. We encourage you to review the survey summary and use it as one of the industries useful tools in your farms long range planning.

Thank you in advance for your participation in helping provide a clearer statistical snapshot of the Oregon and Washington Christmas tree industry.

Sincerely,



Kari Puffer
Executive Director

**Survey response data is confidential and only NASS will have access to individual farm data. Any NASS employee who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, fine or both. NASS is also prohibited from sharing individual farm data with any other government agencies or private organizations. This includes; The Christmas Tree Promotions Board, Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association. Personal information, including reported data, is protected from legal subpoena and Freedom of Information Act requests.*

You can learn more about NASS privacy policy at:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/About_NASS/Confidentiality_Pledge/index.php

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