

SECTION H - CHRISTMAS TREES

Instructions:

1. All trees must arrive Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 11AM to 3PM **in the Cow Palace**. Trees will be judged the same day.
2. All trees must be plantation grown and must be from 5' to 8' in height from the bottom of the handle to the tip of the leader.
3. All trees must be sheared.
4. All growers who enter the National contest "shall be 'Members in Good Standing' of the NCTA and their respective affiliated chartered Association **at the time of affiliated/state contest** to be eligible to enter the NCTA contest." NCTA membership must be active prior to the state contest to maintain eligibility for the National contest. It is no longer permissible to compete in the National contest by joining NCTA right before the National contest.
5. Stands will be provided. You do not have to return at close of the fair for your tree. Fair personnel and section superintendent will dispose of the exhibit.
6. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry per class.
7. The Fair is not responsible for lost or damaged items.
8. Classes for competition:

- H1 Douglas Fir
- H2 Fraser Fir
- H3 Canaan Fir
- H4 Concolor Fir
- H5 Other Fir
- H6 Blue Spruce
- H7 Other Spruce
- H8 White Pine
- H9 Other Pine

- H10 Grand Champion (DO NOT ENTER)
- H11 Reserve Grand Champion (DO NOT ENTER)

7. Premiums Offered

\$125	Grand Champion
\$115	Reserve Grand Champion
\$100	1 st Place
\$90	2 nd Place
\$80	3 rd Place
\$70	4 th Place

8. First time exhibitors will receive 50% bonus on one entry.
9. Trees will be individually scored and ranked within the classes using the following guidelines:

Foliage	Condition in regards to insect and disease 26 to 50 - Light, no damage 1 to 25 - Medium 0 - Heavy	Taper	26 to 50 – for 40%- 90% 1 to 25 – for 90% plus 0 - for 0% - 40%
Foliage Density	26 to 50 - Medium to Heavy 0 to 25 - Light	Top	26 to 50 - Right length 1 to 25 - Needlessness 1 to 25 - Too long 1 to 25 - Too short 0 - Multi-top
Foliage Freshness	1 to 25 - Fresh 0 - Dry	Merchantability	26 to 50 - Good 11 to 25 - Average 0 to 10 - Low 26 to 50 - 4 faces US premium 11 to 25 - 3 faces US premium 1 to 10 - 2 adjacent faces US grade or better
Handle	16 to 25 - Not less than 6" 1 to 15 - or more than 1 ¾ " for each foot of tree (USD Grades (4/1/73) 0 - No Handle		