



Tree Types

When students finish working through this section:

1. They will have read about species of conifer trees that are commonly sold as holiday trees.

This purpose of this section is to provide information about the conifer species typically used/sold as holiday trees. It is intended as an introduction to the tree types and can be used as a resource throughout the study.

Possible Discussion Points/Activities:

- Have students use a Venn diagram or other graphic organizer to compare and contrast the tree species. Students could select based on the trees available locally or by interest. This can be done as a whole class, in small groups, or as an individual activity. Discuss and share!
- Ask students to build a graph showing the cost per foot of REAL TREES over the past several years.

Great Graphs!

Sales Figures		Possible Questions
Year	Retail Cost Per Foot	What do you know about the cost of Real Trees after reading the table?
1993	\$3.00 - \$5.65	Possible Answer: The cost has slowly (and slightly) increased.
1994	\$3.10 - \$5.65	
1995	\$3.10 - \$5.65	Make a prediction about the retail (cost for you) cost of Real Trees for upcoming years.
1996	\$3.10 - \$5.65	
1997	\$3.10 - \$5.65	<i>Possible Answer: It will continue to increase slightly each year.</i>
1998	\$3.34 - \$6.30	
1999	\$3.96 - \$7.23	
2000	\$4.23 - \$7.73	

Link Up! in this Section:

- White House Tree Traditions - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/president/holiday/whtree/>

Fast Facts in this Section:

- The Christmas tree for the White House has to be exactly 18 1/2 feet tall and look great with the decorations chosen by the First Lady.

In October or November, the Head Usher of the White House visits the farm of the National Christmas Tree Association's Grand Champion grower for the year to select the perfect tree.