

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR CHRISTMAS TREE PRODUCTION

Select the approved practices from the list below which will be of benefit to your enterprise and record them on pages 3 and 4 in your Supervised Agriculture Experience Record Book. (This is only a general suggested list. Detail should be added to match your specific situation.)

1. Select a proper site for your size of operation
2. Select land as free of obstacles as possible
3. Consider availability of road system to site
4. Plan road system within site
5. Consider security precautions with site layout
6. Determine species which are adaptable to your climate
7. Choose a proper species for your market area
8. Properly till the site prior to planting
9. Calibrate sprayer for proper application of materials
10. Use selected herbicides for controlling problem weeds
11. Use insecticides necessary for proper control
12. Apply fungicides when needed
13. Choose seedlings carefully from a quality nursery matching species to site characteristics
14. Plant seedlings upon arrival if possible
15. Heel in trees when they can not be planted immediately
16. Utilize cold storage of seedlings if necessary
17. Keep seedlings as moist as possible when planting
18. Plant trees at proper depth
19. Carefully fertilize seedling when planting
20. Use proper plant spacing
21. Control vegetation between trees
22. Replant weak or dead trees as needed
23. Shear trees to desired taper as necessary
24. Safely use proper shearing equipment
25. Fertilize established plantings as needed
26. Observe and check for problems regularly
27. Track market trends and habits
28. Market crop at optimum time
29. Develop direct markets
30. Harvest trees according to type of market
31. Cut trees close to ground to eliminate stump for replanting
32. Bale trees for shipping
33. Properly dig and ball live trees
34. Replant areas where trees have been harvested
35. Soil test then apply necessary lime fertilize then establish a permanent cover crop
36. Keep accurate enterprise records
37. Summarize and analyze records