

KENTUCKY CHRISTMAS TREE PRODUCTION WORKBOOK

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PRODUCTION CALENDAR

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January <ul style="list-style-type: none">• recover from Christmas!• survey for deer and rodent damage, erect raptor perches• summarize previous year's activities, sales and expenses; prepare tax records• begin removing or treating old stumps• other:	February <ul style="list-style-type: none">• prune out double leaders, uneven branch growth on young trees• apply pre-emergent herbicides• survey for winter damage• monitor for frost heaving of newly planted seedlings• calibrate spray equipment• other:

<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prepare land for spring planting, line out or flag planting areas • apply pre-emergent herbicides • begin spring planting • other: 	<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finish spring planting • apply pre-emergent herbicides • fertilize trees if necessary • sharpen pruning equipment, mower blades, etc. • begin surveying for pest problems (sawfly, needle-casts) and treat as needed. • begin vegetation control if appropriate • mulch newly planted trees if a good, inexpensive mulch is available • other:
<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue pest monitoring (aphids, bagworms, pinetip moth, needle blight, previous list) • begin shearing when trees are at the right stage of growth (especially for Virginia pine) • continue vegetation control • other: 	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue pest monitoring (Pales weevil, previous lists) • complete shearing • continue vegetation control • contact potential markets • order wreath and baling supplies • other:

<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue pest monitoring (previous lists) • continue vegetation control • order seedlings for fall planting • other: 	<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue pest monitoring (previous lists) • continue vegetation control • shear Virginia pine again • clean shearing equipment • begin site preparation for next spring's planting • other:
<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prepare advertising • continue pest monitoring (previous lists) • plant alternative ground covers • order seedlings for spring planting • other: 	<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete advertising materials • complete pest monitoring • color trees if desired • finish vegetation control • prepare land for fall planting, line out or flag planting areas • clean mowers, trimmers, sprayers • tag trees to be cut, sharpen saws • order pre-emergent herbicides • soil test for fertilizer needs • other:

November <ul style="list-style-type: none">• place advertising, put up signs• ready plantation or sales lot, begin selling• plant fall seedlings, mulch if possible• other:	December <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SELL, SELL, SELL—go to Bank!• Have a Merry Christmas!!

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