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PENNSYLVANIA CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCE
2007 PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW WINNERS

HARRISBURG, PA- Heritage Acres Evergreens, Bloomsburg, PA (Columbia County) exhibited both the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Christmas trees at the 2007 Pennsylvania Farm Show. The Grand Champion was a Fraser Fir and was selected as the winner from the over 1,700 votes cast by Farm Show visitors during the two-day voting period. Heritage Acres Evergreens is owned by father and son, Ed and Jim Campbell. The Reserve Champion honors went a Douglas Fir.

This is the only commodity at the Farm Show where the public gets to choose the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion, after selections are made by professional judges. It has been a popular activity for visitors since the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers initiated the practice in 1997. This year nearly 60 trees were exhibited for judging.

The winners have the opportunity to compete at the national level through the National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA). In 2006, Crystal Spring Tree Farm in Lehighton, PA was chosen to donate the White House tree after winning at both the PA Farm Show and national level.

Trees in the competition must have been grown in Pennsylvania on land owned and operated by the exhibitor and must be within six to eight feet. Trees may be either naturally grown or sheared and shaped by the exhibitor.

Listings of all winners by category are as follows:

All Other Pines: 1st place- Abraczinskas Nurseries, Catawissa, PA; 2nd place- Plow Farms, Preston Eshelman, Mohnton, PA; 3rd place- Perry Valley Tree Farm, Millerstown, PA; 4th place- Hidden View Nursery, Schuylkill Haven, PA; 5th place- Heritage Acres Evergreens, Bloomsburg, PA

All Other Spruce: 1st place- Plow Farms, Preston Eshelman, Mohnton, PA; 2nd place- Abraczinskas Nurseries, Catawissa, PA; 3rd place- Perry Valley Tree Farm, Millerstown, PA; 4th place- Heritage Acres Evergreens, Bloomsburg, PA; 5th place- McClellan's Tree Farm, Middleburg, PA

Canaan: 1st place- Berkey's Nursery, Brad Berkey, Spartansburg, PA; 2nd place- Evergreen Acres Tree Farm, Auburn, PA; 3rd place- Perry Valley Tree Farm, Millerstown, PA; 4th place- Pine View Haven, St. Thomas, PA; 5th place- Abraczinskas Nurseries, Catawissa, PA

Colorado Blue Spruce: 1st place- Berkey's Nursery, Brad Berkey, Spartansburg, PA; 2nd place- McClellan's Tree Farm, Middleburg, PA; 3rd place- Abraczinskas Nurseries, Catawissa, PA; 4th place- Frantz Tree Farm, Mifflintown, PA; 5th place- Pine View Haven, St. Thomas, PA

Concolor: 1st place- McClellan's Tree Farm, Middleburg, PA; 2nd place- Perry Valley Tree Farm, Millerstown, PA; 3rd place- Bustard's Christmas Trees, Lansdale, PA; 4th place- Abraczinskas Nurseries, Catawissa, PA; 5th place- Evergreen Acres Tree Farm, Auburn, PA

Douglas Fir: 1st place- Heritage Acres Evergreens, Bloomsburg, PA; 2nd place- Bustard Christmas Tree Farm, Lansdale, PA; 3rd place- Evergreen Acres Tree Farm, Auburn, PA; 4th place- Pine View Haven, St. Thomas, PA; 5th place- McClellan's Tree Farm, Middleburg, PA

Fraser Fir: 1st place- Heritage Acres Evergreens, Bloomsburg, PA; 2nd place- Perry Valley Tree Farm, Middleburg, PA; 3rd place- Evergreen Acres Tree Farm, Auburn, PA; 4th place- McClellan's Tree Farm, Middleburg, PA; 5th place- Bustard's Christmas Trees, Lansdale, PA

Scotch Pine: 1st place- Perry Valley Tree Farm, Millerstown, PA; 2nd place- Evergreen Acres Tree Farm, Auburn, PA; 3rd place- Frantz Tree Farm, Mifflintown, PA; 4th place- Abraczinskas Nurseries, Catawissa, PA; 5th place- Kessler Tree Farm, Hallstead, PA

The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers, with over 300 members, works to promote and develop a community of interest among growers of Christmas trees in Pennsylvania and adjoining states, as well as to raise public awareness about Christmas trees. To find a Christmas tree grower near you, visit our website at www.christmastrees.org.

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(Ed. Note: Photographs of the grand champion tree are available upon request. Please contact Bethany Dennis at communications@christmastrees.org.)