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**PA CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS ANNOUNCE
SUMMER MEETING IN ELYSBURG AND BLOOMSBURG, PA**

HARRISBURG, PA- The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association (PCTGA) announces its upcoming summer meeting to be held on Thursday, July 30th through Saturday, August 1st at Pondeuce Wreaths and Trees in Elysburg, PA, and Quaker State Plantations in Bloomsburg, PA. Each year this annual meeting includes many informative speakers and demonstrations on a member farm, a trade show, product demonstrations given by vendors and a reception.

The meeting will kick-off on Thursday, July 30th at Pondeuce Wreaths and Trees with a Mix & Mingle Corn Roast to give attendees time to talk to Pondeuce staff and exhibitors. Pondeuce Farms, owned and operated by the Swiderski family, is a Christmas tree farm and wreath manufacturer with 16 years of experience. Located in Elysburg, PA, they currently maintain 100 acres of Douglas Fir trees and a few acres of Fraser Fir. They also have a large vegetable garden where they grow produce which is served in their restaurant or in their catering hall. Friday, July 31st will be a day at Pondeuce Wreaths and Trees. Attendees will have the opportunity to spend the day at their retail wreath facility. Members will also be given a demonstration on wreath making and decoration. Thursday night will be capped off with a reception.

Saturday August 1st will take attendees to Quaker State Plantations in Bloomsburg, PA, where they will receive a guided tour of the farm and its operations. Quaker State Plantations is a major, award-winning grower of Douglas and Fraser fir Christmas trees. With over 450 acres of fields and an inventory of more than one-half million trees, they are located in Bloomsburg, PA, in the heart of Pennsylvania Christmas tree-growing country. The plantation is managed by Mark Zelazny, who has a Masters Degree in Forestry as well as 20 years of practical experience. The meeting will adjourn at 12:30 pm on Saturday, August 2nd.

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The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association (PCTGA), with over 250 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, and for more information from the Pennsylvania Christmas tree authority, visit www.christmastrees.org.

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