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**PENNSYLVANIA CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNOUNCES UPCOMING SUMMER MEETING**

HARRISBURG, PA- The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association (PCTGA) announces its upcoming summer meeting to be held on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Elizabeth Farms in Lititz, PA. Each year this annual meeting includes many informative speakers, a trade show and product demonstrations given by vendors.

The meeting begins on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Lantern Lodge in Myerstown with a welcome given by PCTGA President, Wayne Bizup. Sessions start at 8:30 am at Elizabeth Farms where attendees will rotate sessions and have the opportunity to hear Larry Kuhns, Jim Sellmer, and Rick Bates of Penn State University; as well as Dale Rutherford of Hort Assist; Sandy Gardosic of the PA Department of Agriculture; and Randy Ross, owner of Elizabeth Farms. Vendor visitation and equipment demonstration will be available during the day. On Friday night, attendees will attend the banquet and business meeting at the Lantern Lodge.

After the membership meeting held on Saturday morning, Fred McKillop of McKillop Associates; Gardosic; and Jim Harvey of the PA Office of Rural Health will speak. The summer meeting will adjourn on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Registration for the upcoming summer meeting is available at [www.christmastrees.org](http://www.christmastrees.org) or by calling PCTGA headquarters at (717) 238-9765. It must be postmarked on or before July 21<sup>st</sup>

to receive the discounted early registration fee. Members of neighboring associations are invited to register at PCTGA member rates. Don't miss out!

The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association (PCTGA), 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. PCTGA is an active participant in PA-Preferred, a program promoting Pennsylvania agriculture. To learn more about PA Preferred and products, visit [www.papreferred.com](http://www.papreferred.com). PCTGA belongs to the National Christmas Tree Growers Association (NCTA), an association with more than 5,100 professionals. To find a Christmas tree grower near you, and for more information from the Pennsylvania Christmas tree authority, visit [www.christmastrees.org](http://www.christmastrees.org).

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