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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

✓ Check it out!

Online: *No Cook Peppermints*

On the Shelf: *The Tree Farmer* (Grades K-4);
The Christmas Tree Story - Video (Grades 1-6);
Mint Kit: Video & Activity (Grades K-5)

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Nat'l Cookie Cutter Week

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Oregon is the largest producer of Christmas trees in the U.S.

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Christmas trees provide habitat for wildlife.

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On average, over 2,000 Christmas trees are planted per acre.

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2-3 seedlings are planted for every harvested Christmas tree.

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Helicopters are used to lift harvested Christmas trees from farms.

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The December flower of the month is the narcissus.

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98% of all Christmas trees are grown on farms.

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Trees and shrubs that keep their leaves year round are evergreens.

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59% of real Christmas trees are recycled in community programs.

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Chanukah

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The first decorated Christmas tree was in Riga, Latvia in 1510.

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Christmas trees take 7-10 years to mature.

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There are two types of pears you can eat - winter and Asian.

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Winter pears are picked before they are ripe. They ripen best after harvested.

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Pears have been cultivated for more than 3,000 years.

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In the 1800s pears were so rare people would pay over \$20 for just one.

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The Oregon state fruit is the pear.

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Winter pears get soft, sweet and juice when ripe.

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Asian pears are crunchy and juicy like apples when ripe.

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Winter Solstice

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One acre of trees removes about 13 tons of dust and gases annually.

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Oregon farmers are the third highest producer of pears in the U.S.

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Pears are an excellent source of fiber, vitamin C, and only 100 calories.

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Christmas

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Kwanzaa 12/26-1/01

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Pears rank second to the apple as the most popular U.S. fruit.

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Pears are a relative of the apple, and used in many of the same ways.

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Pear trees were brought to Oregon by pioneers in the 1800s.

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Pears are Oregon's number one tree fruit crop.

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Oregon farmers produced over 197,000 tons of pears in 2008.



Christmas Trees

Oregon leads the nation in Christmas tree production. Clackamas county is the U.S. leader in both acreage and sales, with Marion county ranking second.