



NEW MEXICO TREE FARMER ALERT

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Every year the New Mexico Tree Farm program selects a Tree Farmer to be recognized as the "Tree Farmer of the Year" for New Mexico. Any Tree Farmer in good standing is eligible to be selected. They should show a commitment to manage their Tree Farm using good forestry practices. A good forestry practice should improve the productivity of the land. The Tree Farm program recognizes practices that improve productivity for wood, water, wildlife, outdoor recreation or any use the Tree Farm is used for. They should also show a commitment to spreading the word about good forestry by outreach and education of the general public. A main goal of the Tree Farm program is outreach and education. Forestry often takes place far from where the general public sees it so it is important to be able to demonstrate what good forestry is all about. This fosters greater support for public or private policies concerning forestry.

If you know a fellow Tree Farmer who meets these criteria and would like to nominate them for the Tree Farmer of the year award please contact:

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The Tree Farmer who is selected will be honored in the fall with a field day and tour of their Tree Farm and will be awarded a new chain saw courtesy of Stihl Inc. They will also be eligible for regional and national awards. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2006. I encourage you to consider nominating a deserving Tree Farmer and attending the tour in the fall.

The **NEW MEXICO TREE FARMER ALERT** is a new addition to the **New Mexico Tree Farm Program**. This service is being added to keep New Mexico Tree Farmers abreast of relevant activities. This service will hopefully compliment the bi-annual **Tree Farmer Newsletter**. If you have comments, questions or suggestions please contact either Harry Morrison (1.505.983.2064 forester4life@aol.com) or John Harrington (1.505.387.2319 ext.11 joharrin@nmsu.edu).