

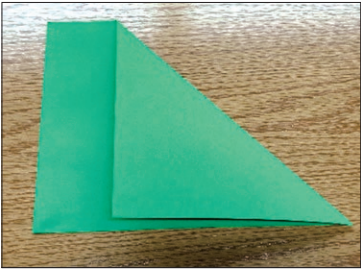
# AGRICULTURE ADVENTURES

## FOR FAMILIES



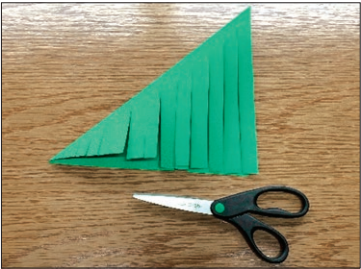
### D.I.Y Christmas Tree Craft

STEP 1:



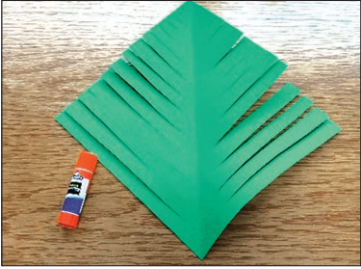
Fold and cut a rectangular sheet of green construction paper into a square.

STEP 2:



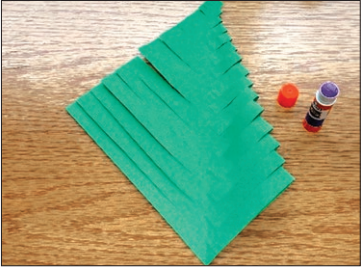
Cut even-sized strips into the folded paper, leaving a few centimeters of space near the folded crease.

STEP 3:



Open the paper and lay it flat, with the longest strips on the bottom and the shortest at top.

STEP 4:



Fold the strips into the center of the design and use a glue stick to keep them in place.

STEP 5:



Decorate with stickers, sequins, or pom poms.

STEP 6:



Glue a small strip of brown construction paper on the bottom as a trunk, and your Christmas tree is complete!

We'd love to see your Christmas tree designs!

Send in your photos to [aitc@cookcfb.org](mailto:aitc@cookcfb.org).

### Choose Your Prize: December Word Search

Choices include a \$25 Beggar's Pizza Gift Card, a \$25 Home Run Inn Gift Card, OR \*3 AMC Movie Tickets \*AMC Yellow tickets not valid in California, New York & New Jersey.

Complete the Word Search puzzle for your chance to win! Winners will be contacted by mail.

**MAIL TO:**  
Cook Co. Farm Bureau  
Ag Adventures Word Search  
6438 Joliet Rd  
Countryside, IL 60525

**FAX TO:** 708-579-6056

**EMAIL TO:** [FBCooperator@gmail.com](mailto:FBCooperator@gmail.com)

Complete and submit an entry every month all in 2022 and your name is automatically entered into an "End of Year" drawing for a gift basket full of ag themed goodies.

Deadline is the 20th of each month. **GOOD LUCK!**

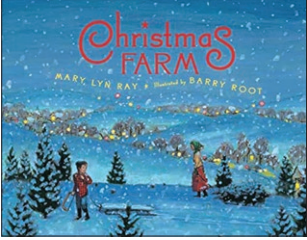
### Learn All About CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS with These Ag-Accurate Books:

**"Pick a Pine Tree"**  
by Patricia Toht



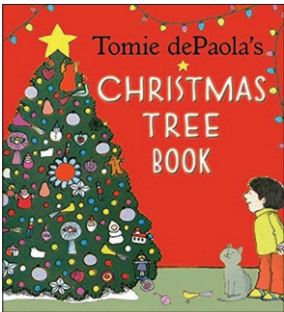
A family visits a pine tree lot to pick out the perfect tree. Rhyming, instructional text accompanies the family as they transport the tree, set it up, unpack decorations, and find friends to help decorate it.

**"Christmas Farm"**  
by Mary Lyn Ray



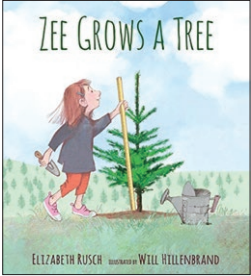
When Wilma decides her garden needs a new beginning, she gathers string, scissors, shovels, sixty-two dozen balsam seedlings, and Parker, her five-year-old neighbor. Year after year, Wilma and Parker nurture their trees, keeping careful count of how many they plant, how many perish, and how many grow to become fine, full Christmas trees.

**"Christmas Tree Book"**  
by Tomie dePaola



While picking out their Christmas tree, a couple of curious kids start to wonder where Christmas trees came from. Who invented the first one? How did they become so popular? And how have they changed over the years? This book tells you everything you ever wanted to know about Christmas trees—and everything you never even thought to wonder about.

**"Zee Grows a Tree"**  
by Elizabeth Rusch



On the day that Zee was born, a Douglas-fir seedling planted on her parents' Christmas tree farm began growing. As Zee grew up and developed, so did the tree. This beautifully designed picture book follows their development, showing readers how Zee and the tree changed and grew over time.

### December Word Search

Last Month's Winner:  
**Helen Krynski**

Artificial  
Balsam  
Decorate  
Douglas  
Family  
Farm  
Fraser  
Greenery  
Grow  
Holiday  
Lights  
Pine  
Plants  
Seedlings  
Tree  
Winter

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Choose Your Prize Preference for If You Win:

If a choice is not made, movie tickets will be sent

☐ Beggar's Pizza Gift Card ☐ 3 Movie Tickets

☐ Home Run Inn Gift Card (Choose one option only)

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