

Oklahoma-grown Christmas trees are a boon to the state's economy and ecosystem, foresters say.

"If you go to a lot of big box stores, those are going to be out-of-state trees," Oklahoma Forestry Services Director George Geissler said. "The biggest thing that we're trying to get people to recognize is that Oklahoma does produce local Christmas trees." More than 20 tree farms across the state offer a variety of evergreens, and Oklahoma Christmas Tree Association President John Knight said a freshly-cut tree typically sells for about \$7 a foot. He said 20,000 to 25,000 fresh trees are sold each holiday season in Oklahoma.