

socially and environmentally responsible farm



our story . . .

## FERTILE GROUND, LLC

tree farm & nursery

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### story

Our trees were planted in 2003 on our Century Farm's existing pasture-land, located in Estacada, Oregon. I began with a desire to grow a college fund for our children while also being a good steward of our family land. My intension is to use less herbicide and pesticide, increase soil microbial activity and health, and reduce runoff and erosion by maintaining grassed aisles. Conventional tree growing methods often spray herbicide annually covering 100% of a field to kill all weeds and grasses. The soil is left barren, depleted, and much more susceptible to erosion. Our tree field's grassed isles reduce herbicide use by 70%. Conventional growing methods often spray fungicide and or insecticide on a field's trees. Our trees have never been sprayed, reducing fungicide and or insecticide use by 100%. In keeping with the spirit of a more "natural" and "greener" tree field, our noble firs are more lightly cultured to maintain an even, yet more open, branching pattern.

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### giving back

For every holiday tree we sell, 5% of the profits will be gifted to ReTree International. ReTree is a local non-profit organization dedicated to helping people plant trees throughout the world:

<http://www.angelfire.com/or3/retree/>

### cheers

Enjoy your holiday season knowing the world is a little greener because of you . . . thank you for **supporting** the continuing education of my children, for **encouraging** my efforts to tread more lightly on our land, **choosing** to buy local which reduces our collective carbon footprint, and **sharing** our resources by giving back to the greater global community.

*Stephen* tree farm & nursery owner