

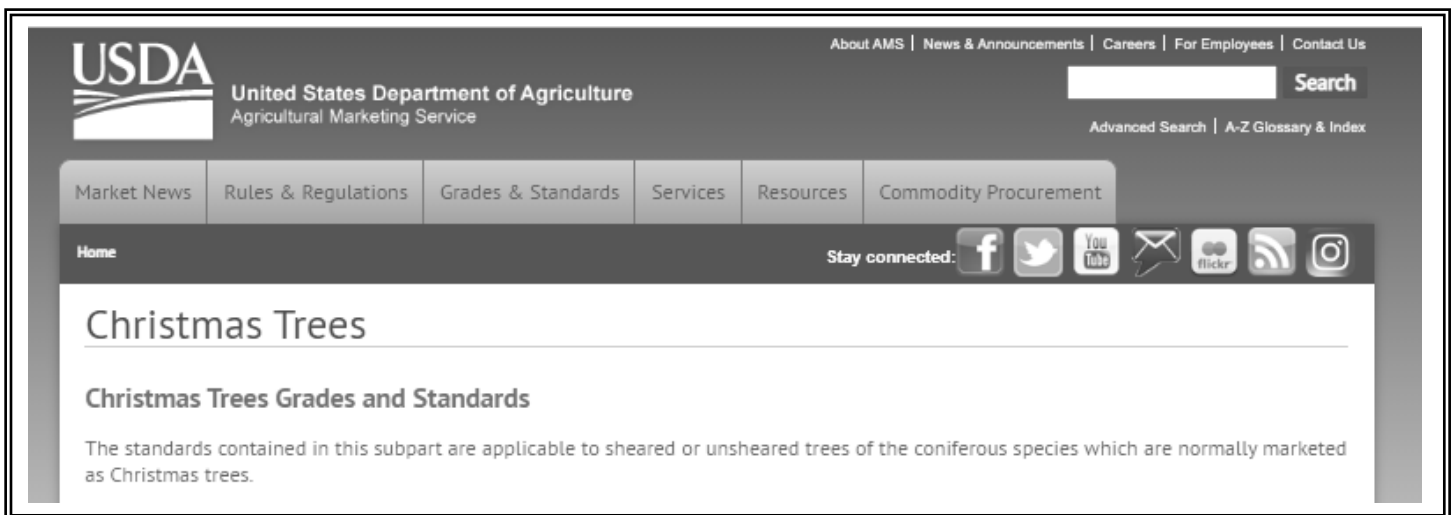
# GRADING STANDARDS

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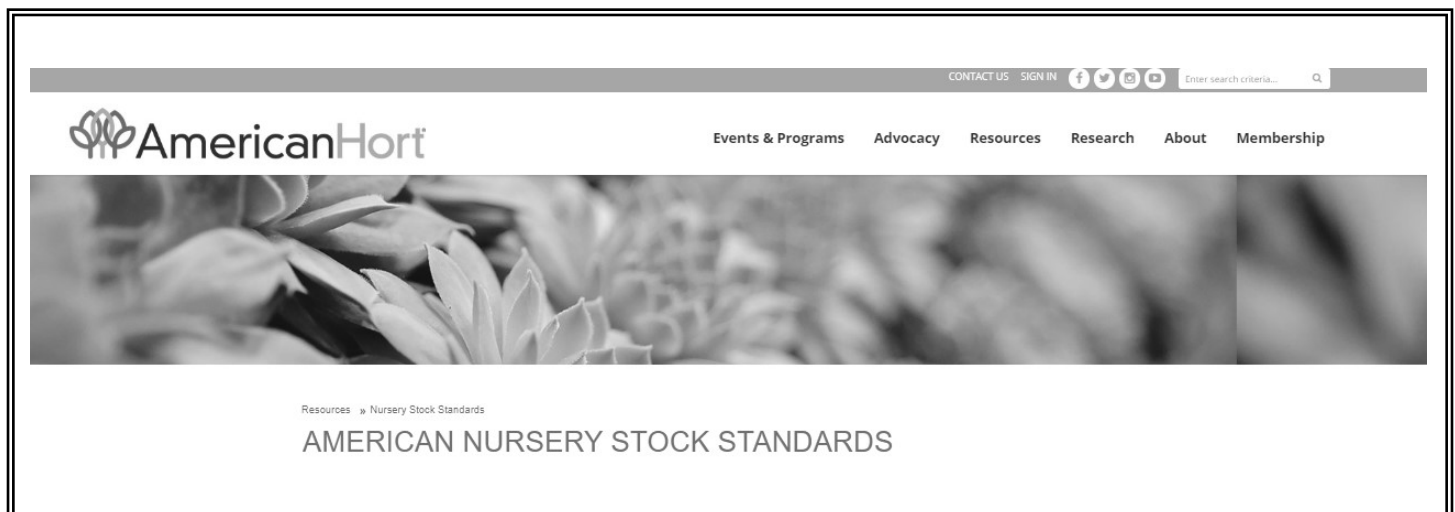
We receive many questions every year about grade standards for Christmas trees. A thorough discussion of these standards would take more space than this newsletter allows. These voluntary standards may be found on the Internet at the following locations:

- United States Department of Agriculture Standards for Christmas Trees: [www.ams.usda.gov/grades-and-standards/christmas-trees](http://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-and-standards/christmas-trees)
- American Standard for Nursery Stock, as published by the American Nursery and Landscape Association: [www.americanhort.org/page/standards](http://www.americanhort.org/page/standards)

If you don't have access to the internet, or need more information, feel free to contact the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 828-253-1691 ext.13, or by email at [bill.glenn@ncmail.net](mailto:bill.glenn@ncmail.net).



The screenshot shows the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service website. The header includes the USDA logo, the text "United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service", and navigation links: "About AMS | News & Announcements | Careers | For Employees | Contact Us". A search bar is present with the text "Search" and "Advanced Search | A-Z Glossary & Index". A menu bar contains "Market News", "Rules & Regulations", "Grades & Standards", "Services", "Resources", and "Commodity Procurement". Below the menu, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Email, Flickr, RSS, and Instagram, with the text "Stay connected:". The main content area is titled "Christmas Trees" and "Christmas Trees Grades and Standards". The text below reads: "The standards contained in this subpart are applicable to sheared or unsheared trees of the coniferous species which are normally marketed as Christmas trees."



The screenshot shows the AmericanHort website. The header includes the AmericanHort logo and navigation links: "Events & Programs", "Advocacy", "Resources", "Research", "About", and "Membership". A search bar is present with the text "Enter search criteria..." and a magnifying glass icon. The main content area features a large image of a plant. Below the image, the text reads: "Resources » Nursery Stock Standards" and "AMERICAN NURSERY STOCK STANDARDS".