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Support Local Producers This Holiday Season

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – Finding the perfect tree, hunting for special menu ingredients and searching for ideal gifts can be stressful. The Colorado Department of Agriculture has a variety of online resources to help consumers through this special, but hectic, time of year. The *Colorado Food and Agriculture Gift Guide* and the *Colorado Christmas Tree List* help shoppers connect with local producers.

“You make a difference when you choose Colorado,” said Commissioner of Agriculture John Salazar. “I encourage you to look for the Colorado Proud logo and buy local wherever you shop or dine.”

The Colorado Food and Agriculture Gift Guide lists companies that sell items ranging from gourmet baskets filled with sweets and snacks to mouth-watering meats and fresh produce. The Christmas Tree List identifies locations where individuals can find the perfect tree for their families. The directory includes u-cut operations and information on cutting trees at national forests.

Visit www.coloradoagriculture.com to find both the Colorado Food and Agriculture Gift Guide and the Colorado Christmas Tree List. Find Colorado products year-round at www.comarketmaker.com.

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Colorado Proud was created by the Colorado Department of Agriculture in 1999 to promote locally grown, raised or processed food and agricultural products to consumers statewide. Currently, the program has more than 2,000 members that include growers, processors, restaurants and retailers. For more information, visit www.coloradoproud.org.