

## Ornament Code

Use the ornament code to solve the jokes below.

A=	L=	O=	S=
E=	M=	P=	T=
I=	N=	R=	W=

1. What do you get if you cross a Christmas tree with an apple?



2. How do Christmas trees keep their breath fresh?



3. What do you call elves who sing?



## Tree Math

Fill in the vacant bulbs on the tree so each strand contains all 7 numbers. Each straight line of bulbs (horizontal and diagonal) should contain different numbers as well.



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## Many people choose to “Deck the Halls”

at Christmas. A Christmas tree is a popular decoration that we couldn't have without agriculture. Pennsylvania ranks fourth in the nation in Christmas tree production, with Indiana County claiming the title “Christmas Tree Capital of the World”. However, when decorating at Christmas, it isn't just our tree that comes from the farm. There are so many ways we “Deck the Halls with Agriculture!”

## Missing Vowels

CHRSTMS is the word Christmas with the vowels removed. Can you figure out the names of these popular Christmas items?



STR

NGL

BLLS

TNSL

WRTHS

PRSNTS

RNMNTS

STCKNGS

GNGRBRD

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# Deck the Halls with Agriculture

## Wreaths and Garland

As Christmas trees are trimmed, the trimmings aren't wasted. They are assembled into wreaths or garlands for decorating doors and mantles.

## Fireplace

To ward off the cold of winter, fireplaces burn wood to keep homes warm and cozy.

## Stockings

As the stockings were hung by the fireplace, they were often made from wool due to its resistance to fire. Today stockings and tree skirts are still made out of wool, from sheep, or cotton, harvested from plants.

## Tree

Christmas trees were first harvested from the woods. Today, 98% of all Christmas trees are grown on the 15,000 Christmas tree farms in the United States.

## Decorations Then and Now

Agriculture has been used to decorate our homes for the holidays since the first tree was decorated in Germany in 1605. Apples, nuts, candies, gingerbreads, paper roses, and small beeswax candles were used to decorate early trees. Many tree decorations today still come from agriculture, like candy canes and popcorn-cranberry garlands.

## Presents

Wrapping paper, in all colors and designs, is made from trees. It makes Christmas morning surprises a joy to unwrap.

