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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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Mrs. Ford will accept the White House Christmas Tree as it arrives at the North Portico Friday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m.

The tree is a concolor fir, 19 1/2 feet tall and 12 feet in diameter at the base. It will be placed in the center of the Blue Room.

The tree was grown in Michigan and was selected a year ago by the National Christmas Tree Growers' Association. Making the presentation to Mrs. Ford will be Edward Cole of Mayville, Mich., who is the National Grand Champion Grower for 1974.

Accompanying Mr. Cole will be his wife and two daughters, Linda Cole and Mrs. Laurie Batzer. Mr. Cole is a former Sanilac County Agricultural Agent who now operates a 100-acre tree farm and teaches eighth grade science at Mayville.

The tree was cut from the front yard of Mrs. Ouina Gardner, also of Mayville, who donated it to Mr. Cole and the Christmas Tree Growers' Association.

A 14-foot blue spruce for President and Mrs. Ford is also being delivered. The tree will be placed in the West Hall of the Family Quarters of the White House.

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