## WHAT SETS US APART?— FROM STUMP TO STORE WE GET THE JOB DONE!

Silver Bells does not use helicopters to harvest trees. The idea of swooping trees off with a helicopter is a neat concept; however it can be problematic. Helicopters are not able to fly in harsh weather such as fog, sleet and high winds. Not getting cut trees out of the field in a timely manner can effect freshness, shipping and service. Bundling trees together in tight slings and dropping them can lead to damage such as broken branches and stripped needles. These risks have lead us to develop a highly efficient ground harvest.

1. We start with our unique cutting machines. The 26"saw blades on these machines is a highly effective way to move quickly through fields.





2. Next we carry trees to the edge of the fields to our extensive, all weather road system. Roads divide the fields into smaller parcels that make it efficient to hand carry the trees. Over 20 miles of roads are maintained using our aggregate rock pit.

3. Each tree is mechanically shaken to remove loose needles so that it is clean for stores and customers.





4. All trees are string baled to prevent damage during shipping and handling.

5. After being baled, the trees are stacked on the edge of the fields along the roads. If necessary, each butt is cleaned of small sucker branches and cut to the proper length.





6. From here they are ready to be loaded onto a farm truck and shuttled to our shipping yard.

7. At our shipping yard we custom mix loads to each customers specifications.



8. We can arrange shipping for you with asset based carriers that are held accountable if they are not timely, efficient and professional.

