



PROVIDER PROFILE

In 1958, two Italian brothers formed a partnership, combining their farming operations in northeast Portland, Oregon. Soon after, in 1965, they began moving their operation to the fertile grounds of the Willamette Valley, an area known the world over for its lush, rich soil. In St. Paul, the brothers grew vegetables as their mainstay and a small assortment of nursery stock.

Potato crops were bountiful, however the nursery stock was hardy and its demand increased. Their strong farming background proved extremely beneficial for the production of quality nursery stock, expanding greatly in the 1970s and continues to flourish today.

Through the years, as the farm grew, the brothers emphasized exceptional quality to ensure customer satisfaction with each shipment. This standard is maintained today in each plant grown at A & R Spada Farms, LLC. The exceptional *Country Grown*® quality is especially evident in the cornerstone of the operation: Emerald Green Arborvitae.

Today, A&R Spada Farms is celebrating its 50th year. We are continuously improving to provide our customers with a wide variety of quality plants, on time, and at competitive prices. We offer:

- 1600 Acres of Field Production
- 125 Acre Container Yard
- 35 Loading Dock Spaces
- Over 200 Varieties
- Free Custom Labeling – simply provide us with your label needs and watch the plants sell right off the truck!

FEATURES & BENEFITS

Spada Farms provides a broad mix of product from the commodity items to the plants that will satisfy the most enthusiastic collector. Commodity items such as Laurels, Gold Mop Cypress, Blue Star Juniper, Alberta Spruce, and Emerald Green Arborvitae are produced in large numbers and will make good order starters for any customer. Customers looking to add some unique items to their mix can explore the wide variety of “specialty” grafted conifers that Spada Farms offers. Cryptomeria ‘Jundai Sugi’, Picea bicolor ‘Prostrata’, and Pinus parviflora ‘Negishi’ are just a few of the unique selections offered. In addition, select varieties of grafted conifers include a FREE metal landscape marker that emphasizes the plants unique qualities to retail customers.

Country Grown Christmas Program - One of the most successful programs offered by Spada Farms each year is their Christmas Program. Customers can enhance their holiday live outdoor plant sales with an assortment of Alberta Spruce, Colorado Spruce, spiral and tiered topiary, Alberta Spruce, Holly, and Boxwood. Colored pots of red and green cheerfully brighten the holiday spirit. The decorative holiday labels can be customized with the customers logo and retail price.



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Country Grown Terrace Duet – Spada Farms Terrace Duet is a plant combination designed to accent your outdoor living environment. These combos are the perfect retail item for customers who want to add an instant impact to their porch or patio. Each Terrace Duet is planted in an attractive terra cotta colored pot with a nice design. Examples include the Japanese Maple Terrace Duet which showcases a red weeping Japanese Maple with a contrasting yellow Gold Mop Cypress or a yellow Japanese Forest Grass, and the Alberta Spruce spiral with the Gold Mop Cypress.

KEY ITEMS

Thuja sp. – A&R Spada Farms is best known for its fields of Arborvitae, with the variety ‘Emerald Green’ their specialty. In addition, Spada also grows eleven other varieties of Thuja, most sizes are available as container grown, balled and burlapped, and field potted. All plants are machine sheared providing for a tight, uniformly shaped plant. They have increased their production and variety selection to fill future needs for spring, summer, and fall shipping seasons.

Picea pungens ‘Baby Blue’ – Baby Blue is a unique seedling strain of Colorado Spruce. The plant is grown from seed harvested at a specific spruce orchard in Ontario, Canada. Sixteen years of experimentation has created a seed source with three very significant characteristics that set it apart from other seedling varieties. Every seedling develops into and maintains a uniform bright blue color. The plant maintains a tight, compact growth habit due to heavy bud formation on the leader. The needles radiate evenly, giving the branches a very full appearance. Baby Blue is bluer than ‘Backeri’ and fatter than ‘Fat Albert’.

Picea pungens ‘The Blues’ – This plant was named the 2008 conifer of the year. It is best described as a Weeping Norway Spruce in habit, but with larger, powder blue needles. A very exciting newcomer. Found at Stanley and Sons Nursery in Boring, Oregon.

Azalea hybrids deciduous – Spada offers six different varieties in #5 pots up to 18-24” Several of the varieties even offer wonderfully fragrant flowers in mid-spring.



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