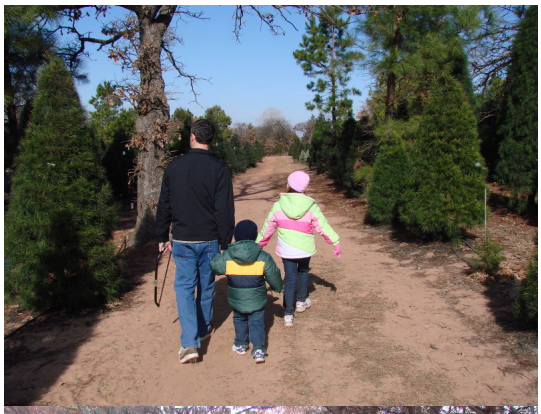


**Our yearly tradition in search of the perfect tree... We are not "GREEN" in our family. We love a fresh tree and supporting our local folks by buying a ridiculously expensive fresh tree :) Plus it is dang fun to watch it sizzle when we finally burn it in the summer.**



**This way!!!**





**Taking a shortcut to another field...**



**Hunter finds a large stick and teases me with it!**



**After a little searching we found the perfect tree. It was a little taller than we had wanted but it looked so full and pretty we decided to get it anyway. Hunter was very proud that he got to help chop down the tree. He even wanted to carry the saw back to the car.**



**Timber!**



**Counting the rings. Guessed it was 12 years young. A good number in our book.**



**Hunter finally gets a ride. We did a lot of walking and it was cold.**



**Hailey with her pine cone stash!**



Seriously? A mulled cup of cider.



The kids favorite part is cutting the plastic wrap off the tree. They wanted to be bundled



We try to avoid cutting animals from getting tangled in plastic



Easy peasy. Then we begin finding the lights. So happy good luck. We didn't think this one



**was given to us on our honeymoon by the manager of the**





**My token fresh wreath!**



**The fresh scent of pine!**



**The perfect stem for the topper!**



**The star I chose for our first Christmas together.**



**Putting the balls into the tree that I grew up with as a child. My mother made it.**



**The fun large plastic ornaments I got on clearance last year.**



My magnolia tree I planted when we moved into this house.



DONE with it by the time we whine for days. It still



Finally got to the kids ANY dress up day and Halloween.



Our little children in front of the tree and right before they had their pictures taken at the