

Floriculture Crops, 2006

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The 2006 wholesale value of sales by commercial flower and foliage producers in Pennsylvania totaled \$170.7 million, down 2 percent from 2005. Pennsylvania ranked eighth nationally in wholesale sales of floriculture crops.

The value of sales at wholesale of potted flowering plants was \$39.2 million, down \$268,000 from 2005. Pennsylvania ranked fourth nationally for the value of sales at wholesale of potted flowering plants. Sales of foliage plants for indoor or patio use were \$4.1, up 10 percent from 2005. Sales of all bedding and garden plants in flats, pots and baskets totaled \$80.6 million, up \$2.0 million from 2005.

The total covered growing area for Pennsylvania in 2006 was 21.2 million square feet, down 6 percent from 2005. The types of covered growing area were: glass greenhouses, 3.3 million square feet; fiberglass and other rigid greenhouses, 2.2 million square feet; film plastic (single/multi) greenhouses, 15.2 million square feet; and shade and temporary cover, 449,000 square feet. Growers also used 535 acres of open grown in 2006. There were 730 growers in 2006, compared to 811 growers in 2005.

Pennsylvania: Number of Growers, Reported Gross Value of Sales, 2005-2006

Value of Sales	2005	2006
	<i>Number</i>	
\$10,000 - \$19,999	121	91
\$20,000 - \$39,999	143	128
\$40,000 - \$49,999	60	50
\$50,000 - \$99,999	257	244
\$100,000 - \$499,999	179	165
\$500,000 or More	51	52
TOTAL	811	730
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Expanded wholesale value ¹	174,334	170,706

¹ Wholesale value of sales as reported by growers with \$100,000 or more in sales of floriculture crops plus a calculated wholesale value of sales for growers with sales below \$100,000. The value of sales for growers below the \$100,000 level was estimated by multiplying the number of growers in each size group by the mid-point of each dollar value range.

Pennsylvania: Growing Area by Type of Cover, All Operations with \$10,000+ Sales, 2005-2006

Type of Cover	2005	2006
	<i>Number</i>	
Total number of growers	811	730
	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	
Glass greenhouses	3,750	3,310
Fiberglass & other rigid	2,531	2,218
Film plastic (single/multi)	15,921	15,235
TOTAL GREENHOUSE COVER	22,202	20,763
Shade and temporary cover	482	449
TOTAL COVERED AREA	22,684	21,212
	<i>Acres</i>	
Open ground	633	535

Pennsylvania: Growing Area by Type of Cover, All Operations with \$100,000+ Sales, 2005-2006

Type of Cover	2005	2006
	<i>Number</i>	
Total number of growers	230	217
	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	
Glass greenhouses	3,246	2,904
Fiberglass & other rigid greenhouses	1,652	1,629
Film plastic (single/multi) greenhouses	11,613	11,040
TOTAL GREENHOUSE COVER	16,511	15,573
Shade and temporary cover	349	289
TOTAL COVERED AREA	16,860	15,862
	<i>Acres</i>	
Open ground	314	268

Pennsylvania: Floriculture Crops - Wholesale Value of Sales by Category for Operations with \$100,000+ Sales, 2005-2006

Category	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total cut flowers	2,058	*
Total potted flowering plants	39,430	39,162
Total foliage for indoor or patio use	3,715	4,098
Total bedding/garden plants ¹	78,599	80,638
Annual bedding/garden plants	59,422	61,708
Herbaceous perennial plants	19,177	18,930
Propagative materials	23,871	20,673
TOTAL wholesale value (reported crops)²	147,673	144,571

¹ Includes annual bedding plants and herbaceous perennials.

² Excludes Cut Flowers for 2006.

* Not published due to disclosure of individual operations.

