

# Horticulture Census, 1998

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According to the 1998 Census of Horticultural Specialties, U.S. producers of horticultural products accounted for \$9.7 billion in sales. Pennsylvania horticulture is a \$275 million industry. Pennsylvania accounted for 3 percent of the U.S. total. The 1998 Census of Horticulture Specialties provides a wide variety of data relating to methods of production, production expenses, sales, number of operations by size, and area in production.

The primary objective of the horticultural specialties census is to obtain a comprehensive and detailed picture of the horticultural sector of the economy. It is the only source of detailed production and sales data at the state and the national level. The census of horticultural specialties provides detailed statistics to government agencies, academia, nursery and floriculture industries, and others on the size and structure of the horticulture industry for planning, policymaking, research, and market analysis. The census included operations growing and selling \$10,000 or more of horticultural crops in 1998.

Pennsylvania & United States: Sales Relative to the U.S. Total, 1998 <sup>1</sup>

Item	US Sales (\$1,000)	PA Sales (\$1,000)
Annual Bedding/Garden Plants	1,729,949	65,045
Herbaceous Perennial Plants	627,236	22,553
Potted Flowering Plants	868,131	42,781
Foliage Plants	594,760	5,957
Cut Flowers	512,570	6,296
Nursery Plants	3,096,723	57,436
Unfinished Plants and Propagation Materials	493,049	39,541
Turfgrass Sod, Sprigs, or Plugs	835,212	3,861
Greenhouse Produced Food Crops	222,624	10,009
Cut Christmas Trees	256,161	20,182
Other Horticultural Products <sup>2</sup>	501,211	900
<b>Total Sales of Horticultural Products</b>	<b>9,737,626</b>	<b>274,561</b>

<sup>1</sup> Totals do not include cultivated mushrooms. These are reported on Page 63 of this report. <sup>2</sup> Other Horticultural Products includes sales of cut cultivated greens; dried bulbs, corms, rhizomes, or tubers; transplants for commercial production; vegetable seeds; aquatic plants; and other horticultural specialties.