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2014 Census of Horticultural Specialties – Illinois**



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**Horticultural Specialties Highlights**

The 2014 Census of Horticultural Specialties provides detailed production and sales data for floriculture, nursery, and other specialty products. This special study is part of the larger census of agriculture program. All operations that reported producing and selling \$10,000 or more of horticultural specialty products were included in the 2014 Census of Horticultural Specialties.

In 2014, the United States had 23,221 horticultural operations that produced and sold \$13.8 billion in floriculture, nursery, and other horticultural specialty products. Illinois had 519 horticultural operations that sold \$258.3 million in horticultural products in 2014, compared to 546 horticultural operations that sold \$265.3 million in horticultural products in 2009. Horticulture producers in Illinois had \$251.2 million in total production expenses in 2014. Hired labor expenses in Illinois accounted for 35 percent of the total production expenses. Of the 6,813 hired workers in Illinois, 3,146 worked less than 150 days compared to 3,667 who worked 150 days or more.

**U.S. Highlights: 2014 and 2009**

Item	2014	2009	Percent change
All horticultural specialty crops .....operations	23,221	21,585	7.6
.....sales (\$1,000)	13,789,048	11,687,323	18.0
Floriculture .....operations	12,415	12,009	3.4
.....sales (\$1,000)	5,879,685	5,018,449	17.2
Bedding/garden plants .....operations	9,709	9,604	1.1
.....sales (\$1,000)	3,512,384	3,149,701	11.5
Annual bedding/garden plants .....operations	7,964	7,989	-0.3
.....sales (\$1,000)	2,567,534	2,305,913	11.3
Potted herbaceous perennial plants .....operations	6,291	6,416	-1.9
.....sales (\$1,000)	944,850	843,788	12.0
Potted flowering plants for indoor or patio use .....operations	4,059	4,043	0.4
.....sales (\$1,000)	1,084,274	871,474	24.4
Foliage plants for indoor or patio use .....operations	2,644	2,728	-3.1
.....sales (\$1,000)	721,889	509,873	41.6
Cut flowers and cut lei flowers .....operations	1,998	1,703	17.3
.....sales (\$1,000)	462,098	403,254	14.6
Cut cultivated greens .....operations	728	634	14.8
.....sales (\$1,000)	99,040	84,148	17.7
Nursery stock sold .....operations	8,226	8,441	-2.5
.....sales (\$1,000)	4,266,631	3,850,363	10.8
Propagative horticultural materials, bareroot, and unfinished plants .....operations	1,067	1,178	-9.4
.....sales (\$1,000)	695,126	601,657	15.5
Sod, sprigs, or plugs sold .....operations	1,289	1,403	-8.1
.....sales (\$1,000)	1,138,465	876,847	29.8
Dried bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers .....operations	204	223	-8.5
.....sales (\$1,000)	74,014	48,512	52.6
Food crops grown under protection .....operations	2,521	1,476	70.8
.....sales (\$1,000)	796,664	553,270	44.0
Transplants for commercial vegetable and strawberry production .....operations	693	502	38.0
.....sales (\$1,000)	371,817	330,647	12.5
Vegetable seeds .....operations	385	340	13.2
.....sales (\$1,000)	135,122	89,031	51.8
Flower seeds .....operations	169	141	19.9
.....sales (\$1,000)	31,607	30,825	2.5
Other .....operations	3,902	3,274	19.2
.....sales (\$1,000)	399,918	287,722	39.0
Aquatic plants .....operations	345	375	-8.0
.....sales (\$1,000)	20,205	26,000	-22.3
Cut Christmas trees sold .....operations	3,352	2,699	24.2
.....sales (\$1,000)	366,632	249,821	46.8
Short rotation woody crops sold .....operations	49	23	113.0
.....sales (\$1,000)	1,845	2,173	-15.1
Tobacco transplants .....operations	183	189	-3.2
.....sales (\$1,000)	11,236	9,728	15.5

**Value of Horticultural Specialty Crops Sold: 2014**

Item	All sales		Wholesale sales		Retail sales	
	Operations	Value (\$1,000)	Operations	Value (\$1,000)	Operations	Value (\$1,000)
All horticultural specialty crops						
United States .....	23,221	13,789,048	14,885	11,859,976	14,710	1,929,073
Illinois .....	519	258,320	286	196,292	405	62,028
Annual bedding/garden plants						
United States .....	7,964	2,567,534	3,367	2,044,090	6,197	523,444
Illinois .....	264	62,740	94	42,831	229	19,909
Potted herbaceous perennial plants						
United States .....	6,291	944,850	2,710	794,915	4,805	149,936
Illinois .....	233	39,872	107	29,933	180	9,939
Potted flowering plants for indoor or patio use						
United States .....	4,059	1,084,274	2,010	993,437	2,891	90,837
Illinois .....	105	14,033	53	12,759	74	1,274
Foliage plants for indoor or patio use						
United States .....	2,644	721,889	1,386	702,029	1,591	19,860
Illinois .....	62	1,671	17	1,337	55	335
Cut flowers and cut lei flowers						
United States .....	1,998	462,098	974	417,108	1,350	44,990
Illinois .....	21	1,692	12	1,463	10	229
Cut cultivated greens						
United States .....	728	99,040	494	95,640	315	3,400
Illinois .....	29	226	5	94	25	132
Nursery stock sold						
United States .....	8,226	4,266,631	(NA)	3,834,953	(NA)	431,678
Illinois .....	200	98,269	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Propagative horticultural materials, bareroot and unfinished plants						
United States .....	1,067	695,126	832	670,651	303	24,475
Illinois .....	25	4,123	19	3,572	6	552
Sod, sprigs, or plugs sold						
United States .....	1,289	1,138,465	(NA)	858,280	(NA)	280,185
Illinois .....	28	30,553	(NA)	22,264	(NA)	8,289
Dried bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers						
United States .....	204	74,014	(NA)	64,800	(NA)	9,214
Illinois .....	2	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)
Food crops grown under protection						
United States .....	2,521	796,664	(NA)	606,025	(NA)	190,639
Illinois .....	68	2,130	(NA)	843	(NA)	1,286
Transplants for commercial vegetable and strawberry production						
United States .....	693	371,817	(NA)	339,123	(NA)	32,694
Illinois .....	32	314	(NA)	89	(NA)	225
Vegetable seeds						
United States .....	385	135,122	(NA)	117,848	(NA)	17,274
Illinois .....	5	36	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)
Flower seeds						
United States .....	169	31,607	(NA)	28,665	(NA)	2,942
Illinois .....	2	(D)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)
Aquatic plants						
United States .....	345	20,205	(NA)	17,324	(NA)	2,881
Illinois .....	7	43	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(D)
Cut Christmas trees sold						
United States .....	3,352	366,632	1,563	269,996	2,550	96,636
Illinois .....	40	1,393	6	57	40	1,337
Short rotation woody crops sold						
United States .....	49	1,845	(NA)	1,289	(NA)	557
Illinois .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Tobacco transplants						
United States .....	183	11,236	(NA)	3,806	(NA)	7,429
Illinois .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

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 (NA) Not available.

**Annual Bedding/Garden Plants Sold: 2014**

Item	Value (\$1,000)	Flats		All pots		Hanging baskets	
		Number sold	Value (\$1,000)	Number sold (1,000)	Value (\$1,000)	Number sold (1,000)	Value (\$1,000)
Annual bedding/garden plants sold, total							
United States .....	2,567,534	86,888,069	887,223	597,844	1,250,728	49,235	429,584
Illinois .....	62,740	1,284,932	13,529	15,629	34,842	1,617	14,369
Flowering and foliar annuals							
United States .....	2,160,001	73,832,363	733,604	478,746	1,004,914	48,056	421,484
Illinois .....	54,051	1,089,505	11,271	13,840	28,762	1,584	14,018
Begonias							
United States .....	133,349	6,638,687	63,048	30,331	48,635	2,727	21,666
Illinois .....	6,139	143,720	1,385	1,962	3,136	218	1,617
Combination planter/color bowl							
United States .....	81,344	229,498	3,749	3,381	42,819	2,745	34,776
Illinois .....	4,718	(D)	(D)	153	2,767	146	(D)
Geraniums (from vegetative cuttings)							
United States .....	223,954	839,222	9,445	54,263	165,076	5,245	49,433
Illinois .....	7,040	(D)	(D)	1,362	4,947	272	(D)
Impatiens, New Guinea							
United States .....	99,950	962,816	10,802	25,475	60,050	3,437	29,098
Illinois .....	2,512	12,278	135	685	1,420	87	958
Impatiens, other ( <i>I. wallerana</i> )							
United States .....	114,829	7,725,731	71,989	15,744	23,419	3,040	19,421
Illinois .....	3,062	166,675	1,714	216	304	148	1,044
Marigolds							
United States .....	82,362	6,664,247	60,607	16,026	20,650	175	1,105
Illinois .....	1,494	107,186	1,156	369	338	(NA)	(NA)
Pansies ( <i>Violas</i> )							
United States .....	186,024	12,146,484	114,122	45,264	61,058	1,688	10,845
Illinois .....	4,242	112,647	1,032	3,057	2,803	69	407
Petunias							
United States .....	262,959	11,722,441	114,237	38,950	79,781	8,316	68,941
Illinois .....	7,709	232,302	2,589	1,223	2,272	325	2,847
Other flowering and foliar annuals <sup>1</sup>							
United States .....	611,592	15,066,720	160,287	153,112	321,402	14,216	129,904
Illinois .....	8,844	143,914	1,474	1,837	5,322	190	2,048
Vegetable-type bedding plants <sup>2</sup>							
United States .....	407,533	13,055,706	153,619	119,098	245,814	1,180	8,100
Illinois .....	8,689	195,427	2,259	1,788	6,080	33	351

<sup>1</sup> Excludes vegetable-type bedding plants, Ageratum, Alyssum-sweet (*Lobularia*), Angelonia, Caladium, Calendula, Calibrachoa, Canna, Celosia, Cleome, Coleus, Cosmos, Dahlia, Dianthus, Dusty Miller, flowering cabbage or kale (*Brassica*), Fuchsia, Gazania, Geraniums (from seeds and plug seedlings), Gerbera Daisy, Gomphrena, Lisianthus, Lobelia, Millet (ornamental), Nasturtium, Nicotiana, Osteospermum, Pentas, peppers - ornamental, Poppy (annual), Portulaca, Ranunculus, Rudbeckia, Salvia (annual), Scaevola, Snapdragon, *Thunbergia* (Black-eyed Susan vine), Verbena, Vinca (*Catharanthus roseus*) and Zinnia.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes flowering and foliar plants.  
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**Nursery Stock Sold: 2014**

Item	Operations	Number sold	Value (\$1,000)
Nursery stock sold, total			
United States .....	8,226	(NA)	4,266,631
Illinois .....	200	(NA)	98,269
Deciduous shade trees			
United States .....	3,652	21,126,281	561,870
Illinois .....	146	234,687	27,556
Deciduous flowering trees			
United States .....	3,450	21,565,156	373,701
Illinois .....	123	141,801	9,378
Broadleaf evergreens			
United States .....	3,891	89,534,915	807,216
Illinois .....	106	725,714	11,982
Coniferous evergreens			
United States .....	4,145	60,280,052	568,413
Illinois .....	141	492,815	18,856
Deciduous shrubs			
United States .....	3,636	98,752,780	676,674
Illinois .....	124	845,668	13,800
Fruit and nut plants			
United States .....	1,853	138,974,392	754,708
Illinois .....	30	(D)	(D)
Ornamental grasses			
United States .....	2,175	49,313,614	158,061
Illinois .....	70	(D)	(D)
Bareroot herbaceous perennials			
United States .....	255	7,850,190	17,847
Illinois .....	6	(D)	(D)
Cacti and succulents			
United States .....	396	10,464,190	40,909
Illinois .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other woody ornamentals and vines			
United States .....	1,492	44,992,818	154,874
Illinois .....	27	275,097	846
Landscaping palms			
United States .....	1,051	6,093,570	152,358
Illinois .....	2	(D)	(D)

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**Top Potted Herbaceous Perennial Plants Sold: 2014**

Item	Operations	Number sold (1,000)	Value (\$1,000)
Potted herbaceous perennial plants sold, total			
United States .....	6,291	276,674	944,850
Illinois .....	233	11,213	39,872
Chrysanthemums			
United States .....	2,921	73,854	202,575
Illinois .....	117	2,590	7,302
Coral Bells ( <i>Heuchera</i> )			
United States .....	1,600	3,128	15,149
Illinois .....	89	325	1,897
Coreopsis			
United States .....	1,559	3,958	14,038
Illinois .....	59	250	1,111
Daylilies			
United States .....	2,085	7,103	28,517
Illinois .....	102	605	2,251
Dianthus			
United States .....	1,195	4,434	15,170
Illinois .....	49	241	1,332
Ferns (hardy/garden)			
United States .....	1,108	5,298	20,389
Illinois .....	37	227	881
Hostas			
United States .....	3,391	14,127	58,375
Illinois .....	153	847	3,755
Salvia (perennial)			
United States .....	1,315	4,216	16,695
Illinois .....	56	186	619
Sedum			
United States .....	1,356	4,659	15,031
Illinois .....	49	648	912
Other herbaceous perennial plants <sup>1</sup>			
United States .....	2,672	122,420	421,069
Illinois .....	97	3,693	13,536

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Achillea, Asclepias, Astilbe, Bleeding Heart, Campanula, Clematis (non-climbing), Columbine, *Delphinium* (Larkspur), *Digitalis* (Foxglove), *Echinacea* (Purple Coneflower), *Echinacea* (other), Gaillardia, Hibiscus, Iris, Lavender, *Leucantherum* (Shasta Daisy), Lobelia, Lupine, *Papaver* (Poppy), Penstemon, Peonies, *Perovskia* (Russian Sage), Phlox, Physostegia, Platycodon, Rudbeckia, Scabiosa, Verbascum, and Veronica.

**Top Potted Flowering Plants for Indoor or Patio Use Sold: 2014**

Item	Operations	All pots sold	Value (\$1,000)
Flowering plants for indoor or patio use sold, total			
United States .....	4,059	221,336,583	1,084,274
Illinois .....	105	3,320,101	14,033
Chrysanthemums, florist			
United States .....	570	13,688,060	50,914
Illinois .....	14	141,721	522
Hibiscus, potted			
United States .....	336	6,593,165	34,335
Illinois .....	3	(D)	(D)
Hydrangea			
United States .....	427	4,531,797	30,103
Illinois .....	9	28,626	223
Lilies, Easter			
United States .....	714	7,700,593	36,994
Illinois .....	22	258,189	1,267
Orchids, other			
United States .....	324	11,675,154	98,365
Illinois .....	4	10,453	146
Orchids, Phalaenopsis			
United States .....	312	21,619,655	186,394
Illinois .....	2	(D)	(D)
Poinsettias			
United States .....	1,527	50,445,385	240,937
Illinois .....	50	1,729,274	7,929
Roses, florist potted			
United States .....	426	9,469,995	36,352
Illinois .....	6	(D)	(D)
Other potted flowering plants <sup>1</sup>			
United States .....	671	30,238,988	135,789
Illinois .....	15	35,627	154
Other potted spring flowering bulbs <sup>2</sup>			
United States .....	258	10,729,540	36,697
Illinois .....	9	(D)	326

<sup>1</sup> Excludes potted spring flowering bulbs, African Violets, Alstroemeria, Anthurium, Azaleas - finished florist, Begonias, Bromeliad, Cape Primrose (*Streptocarpus*), Cineraria, combination planters, Cyclamens, Exacum, Gardenias, Gerbera Daisies, Gloxinias, Kalanchoes, Lilies - other, Orchids - Dendrobium, Orchids - Oncidiinae, Primula, Regal Pelargonium, Sunflowers, and Zygocactus (*Schlumbergera*).

<sup>2</sup> Excludes potted flowering plants, Crocus, Daffodils (*Narcissus*), Hyacinth, and Tulips.

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**Sod, Sprigs, and Plugs Sold: 2014**

Geographic area	Area used for production		Area harvested		Value (\$1,000)
	Operations	Acres	Operations	Acres	
United States .....	1,292	320,566	1,289	195,497	1,138,465
Illinois .....	28	7,822	28	3,496	30,553

**Food Crops Grown Under Protection and Sold: 2014**

Item	Operations	Area under protection (1,000 sq ft)	Total production (cwt)	Value (\$1,000)
<b>Food crops grown under protection and sold, total</b>				
United States .....	2,521	93,303	5,219,313	796,664
Illinois .....	68	475	53,472	2,130
<b>Cucumbers</b>				
United States .....	733	10,997	726,205	77,650
Illinois .....	11	11	278	32
<b>Herbs, cut fresh</b>				
United States .....	524	13,854	355,210	70,929
Illinois .....	16	(Z)	16	3
<b>Lettuce, all</b>				
United States .....	763	4,330	219,303	55,547
Illinois .....	21	7	173	20
<b>Peppers, all (excluding ornamentals)</b>				
United States .....	534	3,522	77,019	5,996
Illinois .....	11	19	702	16
<b>Strawberries</b>				
United States .....	130	623	7,055	918
Illinois .....	7	10	158	40
<b>Tomatoes</b>				
United States .....	1,889	42,597	1,925,297	401,133
Illinois .....	49	312	5,772	1,101
<b>Other food crops grown under protection and sold</b>				
United States .....	851	17,380	1,909,224	184,491
Illinois .....	41	115	46,373	917

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

**Top Foliage Plants for Indoor or Patio Use Sold: 2014**

Item	Total		All pots		Hanging baskets	
	Operations	Value (\$1,000)	Number sold (1,000)	Value (\$1,000)	Number sold	Value (\$1,000)
<b>Foliage plants for indoor patio use sold, total</b>						
United States .....	2,644	721,889	191,502	647,483	11,515,012	74,406
Illinois .....	62	1,671	267	1,141	60,195	530
<b>Aglaonema</b>						
United States .....	96	19,421	3,435	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Cacti and succulents</b>						
United States .....	580	105,409	34,396	101,485	336,312	3,923
Illinois .....	21	46	12	(D)	(D)	(D)
<b>Combination planters (dish gardens, terrariums, etc.)</b>						
United States .....	183	28,189	5,957	24,513	453,674	3,676
Illinois .....	6	19	1	2,767	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Dracaena</b>						
United States .....	716	43,337	13,453	43,298	2,824	39
Illinois .....	24	57	16	57	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Ferns (tropical ferns potted)</b>						
United States .....	1,004	57,363	10,814	36,402	3,176,003	20,961
Illinois .....	24	223	1	(D)	19,477	(D)
<b>Ficus</b>						
United States .....	218	20,912	3,430	(D)	17,292	(D)
Illinois .....	2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
<b>Hedera (Ivy)</b>						
United States .....	391	16,481	8,496	14,547	439,517	1,934
Illinois .....	8	54	21	54	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Palms</b>						
United States .....	276	74,242	15,028	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Spathiphyllum</b>						
United States .....	184	46,628	12,298	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	1	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Other foliage plants for indoor or patio use <sup>1</sup></b>						
United States .....	1,047	159,496	36,478	122,732	5,660,784	36,764
Illinois .....	20	1,258	215	956	40,088	302

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Anthurium, Bromeliad, Croton, Dieffenbachia, *Epipremnum* (Pothos), *Maranta* (Calathea), Philodendron, Schefflera, and *Syngonium* (Nepthytis).

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(NA) Not available.

**Propagative Horticultural Materials, Bareroot and Unfinished Plants Sold: 2014**

Item	Operations	Number sold	Value (\$1,000)
Propagative horticultural materials, bareroot and unfinished plants sold, total			
United States .....	1,067	1,878,473,634	695,126
Illinois .....	25	5,557,145	4,123
Liners sold, total			
United States .....	565	590,042,690	283,661
Illinois .....	7	(D)	(D)
Cuttings sold, total			
United States .....	235	286,886,844	76,139
Illinois .....	11	(D)	2,085
Plug seedlings sold, total			
United States .....	344	881,518,812	257,890
Illinois .....	12	1,399,631	(D)
Tissue cultured plantlets sold, total			
United States .....	77	98,751,853	54,157
Illinois .....	2	(D)	(D)
Unfinished plants sold, total			
United States .....	79	21,273,435	23,278
Illinois .....	1	(D)	(D)

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**Top Cut Flowers and Cut Lei Flowers Sold: 2014**

Item	Operations	Number sold (1,000)	Value (\$1,000)
Cut flowers and cut lei flowers sold, total			
United States .....	1,998	(X)	462,098
Illinois .....	21	(X)	1,692
Chrysanthemums, pompon (bunches)			
United States .....	80	7,998	13,471
Illinois .....	2	(D)	(D)
Gerbera Daisies (stems)			
United States .....	118	110,095	35,231
Illinois .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Gladioli (spikes)			
United States .....	331	87,459	25,140
Illinois .....	2	(D)	(D)
Iris (stems)			
United States .....	189	49,442	13,863
Illinois .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Lilies, Asiatic (stems)			
United States .....	303	38,317	25,062
Illinois .....	3	(D)	(D)
Lilies, Oriental (stems)			
United States .....	266	39,695	38,287
Illinois .....	4	45	(D)
Roses, hybrid tea (stems)			
United States .....	66	29,802	14,497
Illinois .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sunflowers (stems)			
United States .....	663	28,298	13,747
Illinois .....	6	(D)	42
Tulips (stems)			
United States .....	262	174,689	65,330
Illinois .....	2	(D)	(D)
Other cut flowers <sup>1</sup>			
United States .....	778	(X)	79,076
Illinois .....	10	(X)	591

<sup>1</sup> Excludes cut lei flowers, Alstroemeria, Anemone, Anthurium, Aster, Bird of Paradise (*Strelitzia*), Calla Lilies, Campanula, Carnations - miniature, Carnations - standard, Celosia, Chrysanthemums - other, Cosmos, Daffodils (*Narcissus*), Dahlia, *Delphinium* (Larkspur), Dianthus (other than carnations), dried flowers, flowering cabbage or kale (*Brassica*), Freesia, Ginger and Heliconia, Ginger - pink, Ginger - red, Ginger - other, Godetia, Gypsophila, Heather, Heliconia, Hydrangea, Ilex, Leptospermum, Liatris, Lilies - other, Limonium, Lisianthus, Marguerite Daisies, Matricaria, Orchids - Cattleya, Orchids - Cymbidium, Orchids - Dendrobium, Orchids - Oncidiinae, Orchids - Phalaenopsis, Orchids - Vandaceous, Orchids - other, Peony, Protea, Roses - garden, Roses - spray type, Roses - Sweetheart, Snapdragons, Solidago, Statice, Stephanotis, Stock, Trachelium, Waxflower, and Zinnia.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

(X) Not applicable.

**Transplants for Commercial Vegetable and Strawberry Production Sold: 2014**

Item	Total operations	Area used for production				Value (\$1,000)
		Under protection		In the open		
		Operations	1,000 sq ft	Operations	Acres	
<b>Total transplants for commercial vegetable and strawberry production sold</b>						
United States .....	693	543	31,582	242	6,982	371,817
Illinois .....	32	26	43	7	31	314
<b>Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and other crucifers</b>						
United States .....	383	310	5,897	108	281	47,338
Illinois .....	9	6	12	3	(D)	43
<b>Greens (collard, turnip, kale, etc.)</b>						
United States .....	190	144	956	87	147	10,617
Illinois .....	4	2	(D)	2	(D)	2
<b>Peppers, all (excluding ornamentals)</b>						
United States .....	401	347	7,465	93	112	24,539
Illinois .....	25	22	11	3	(D)	29
<b>Strawberries for commercial production</b>						
United States .....	131	93	506	63	5,285	166,192
Illinois .....	2	-	-	2	(D)	(D)
<b>Tomatoes</b>						
United States .....	489	429	10,649	107	144	57,840
Illinois .....	29	25	18	5	16	102
<b>Other transplants for commercial production</b>						
United States .....	258	215	6,110	71	1,014	65,292
Illinois .....	3	2	(D)	1	(D)	(D)

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
 - Not available.

**Top Horticultural Production Expenses and Number of Hired Workers: 2014**

Item	United States	Illinois
<b>HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTION EXPENSES</b>		
All horticultural production expenses .....	23,221	519
\$1,000 .....	10,997,042	251,220
Seeds, plants, vines, trees, etc. purchased .....	20,114	458
\$1,000 .....	1,789,013	44,611
Containers purchased .....	14,692	381
\$1,000 .....	573,656	8,770
Hired labor expenses, all .....	17,086	454
\$1,000 .....	4,086,606	86,741
Gasoline, fuels, and oils purchased .....	22,207	498
\$1,000 .....	562,895	14,916
All other production expenses <sup>1</sup> .....	11,517	262
\$1,000 .....	542,804	13,568
<b>GREENHOUSE, NURSERY, AND OTHER HORTICULTURAL LABOR</b>		
Hired workers .....	17,086	454
workers .....	274,759	6,813

<sup>1</sup> Includes customwork, storage and warehousing, insurance premiums, etc. Excludes potting soils and growing media, fertilizer, lime, and soil conditioner, chemicals, contract labor, utilities, repairs, supplies, and maintenance costs, rent and lease expenses, interest paid on all debt, property taxes paid in 2014, marketing expenses, and packaging expenses.

**Value of Horticultural Specialty Crops Sold by Marketing Channels: 2014**

Item	United States	Illinois
Consumers (direct sales) ..... operations value (\$1,000)	15,406 2,119,414	410 60,384
Retail florists ..... operations value (\$1,000)	2,907 200,932	70 3,914
Retail garden centers/nurseries, excluding mass marketers ..... operations value (\$1,000)	7,605 2,360,602	157 41,347
Supermarkets/grocers ..... operations value (\$1,000)	3,025 1,047,659	91 9,116
Other mass marketers ..... operations value (\$1,000)	2,668 2,884,785	50 28,464
Interiorscapers ..... operations value (\$1,000)	1,523 65,702	36 1,729
Landscape contractors ..... operations value (\$1,000)	8,096 1,948,110	212 72,460
Wholesale florists ..... operations value (\$1,000)	2,631 538,711	54 3,370
Landscape redistribution yards ..... operations value (\$1,000)	3,029 673,231	85 24,467
Non-profit groups (fund raisers) ..... operations value (\$1,000)	3,255 92,316	90 1,814
Other marketing channels ..... operations value (\$1,000)	4,518 1,857,424	86 11,254

**Land Area Used for Horticultural Production: 2014**

Geographic area	Greenhouses		Shade structure area		Natural shade area		Area in the open	
	Operations	Area (1,000 sq ft)	Operations	Area (1,000 sq ft)	Operations	Acres	Operations	Acres
United States .....	14,593	894,907	4,058	429,708	1,804	5,404	12,927	497,339
Illinois .....	387	20,246	118	871	44	350	291	18,957

**Horticultural Specialty Operations and Sales by Legal Status for Tax Purposes: 2014**

Geographic area	Total		Family or individual		Partnership		Corporation		Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	
	Operations	Value (\$1,000)	Operations	Value (\$1,000)	Operations	Value (\$1,000)	Operations	Value (\$1,000)	Operations	Value (\$1,000)
United States .....	23,221	13,789,048	12,193	1,968,588	1,873	1,140,653	8,736	10,541,841	419	137,966
Illinois .....	519	258,320	202	45,502	52	24,373	254	186,480	11	1,964