

# Floriculture Crops, 2003

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The 2003 wholesale value of sales by commercial flower and foliage producers in Pennsylvania totaled \$184.7 million, down \$7.2 million from 2002. Pennsylvania ranked sixth nationally in wholesale sales of floriculture crops.

The wholesale value of cut flowers sold in 2003 totaled \$2.9 million, down \$0.9 million from 2002. The value of sales at wholesale of potted flowering plants was \$41.0 million, down \$2.3 million from 2002. Pennsylvania ranked seventh nationally for the value of sales at wholesale of potted flowering plants. Sales of foliage plants for indoor or patio use were \$3.3, down \$1.2 million from 2002. Sales of all bedding

and garden plants in flats, pots and baskets totaled \$85.0 million, up \$6.9 million from 2002.

The total covered growing area for Pennsylvania in 2003 was 23.1 million square feet, down from 26.0 million square feet in 2002. The types of covered growing area were: glass greenhouses, 4.3 million square feet; fiberglass and other rigid greenhouses, 2.6 million square feet; film plastic (single/multi) greenhouses, 15.9 million square feet; and shade and temporary cover, 334,000 square feet. Growers also used 588 acres of open grown in 2003. There were 911 growers in 2003, compared to 1,045 growers in 2002.

**Pennsylvania: Number of Growers, Reported Gross Value of Sales, 2002-2003**

Value of Sales	2002	2003
	<i>Number</i>	
\$10,000 - \$19,999	199	152
\$20,000 - \$39,999	206	180
\$40,000 - \$49,999	94	93
\$50,000 - \$99,999	290	255
\$100,000 - \$499,999	200	178
\$500,000 or More	56	53
TOTAL	1,045	911
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Expanded wholesale value <sup>1</sup>	191,886	184,731

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2002-2003**

Type of Cover	2002	2003
	<i>Number</i>	
Total number of growers	1,045	911
	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	
Glass greenhouses	4,716	4,312
Fiberglass & other rigid greenhouses	3,146	2,596
Film plastic (single/multi) greenhouses	17,455	15,860
TOTAL GREENHOUSE COVER	25,317	22,768
Shade and temporary cover	598	334
TOTAL COVERED AREA	25,915	23,102
	<i>Acres</i>	
Open ground	707	588

**Pennsylvania: Growing Area by Type of Cover, All Operations with \$100,000+ Sales, 2002-2003**

Type of Cover	2002	2003
	<i>Number</i>	
Total number of growers	256	231
	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	
Glass greenhouses	3,792	3,640
Fiberglass & other rigid greenhouses	2,377	1,998
Film plastic (single/multi) greenhouses	12,017	11,182
TOTAL GREENHOUSE COVER	18,186	16,820
Shade and temporary cover	299	215
TOTAL COVERED AREA	18,485	17,035
	<i>Acres</i>	
Open ground	385	334

**Pennsylvania: Floriculture Crops - Wholesale Value of Sales by Category for Operations with \$100,000+ Sales, 2002-2003**

Category	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total cut flowers	3,768	2,891
Total potted flowering plants	43,301	40,975
Total foliage for indoor or patio use	4,535	3,373
Total bedding/garden plants <sup>1</sup>	78,083	84,984
Annual bedding/garden plants	61,072	64,257
Herbaceous perennial plants	17,011	20,727
Propagative materials	29,748	24,032
TOTAL wholesale value (reported crops)	159,435	156,255

<sup>1</sup> Includes annual bedding plants and herbaceous perennials.