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## 2014 Census of Horticulture Highlights for West Virginia

**Charleston, West Virginia** – The 2014 Census of Horticulture counted 131 operations in West Virginia, this is an increase of 18 operations from the 2009 Census of Horticulture. Total sales were \$21.0 million, a 6 percent decrease from the total of \$22.3 million in 2009. The majority of operations had sales from \$10,000 to \$19,999; 34 operations had sales from \$50,000 to \$99,999; and 18 operations had sales over \$100,000.

In West Virginia, 59 operations had a total sales value of \$6.6 million for annual bedding/garden plants sold; 57 operations had a total sales value of \$5.8 million for flowering and foliar annuals; and 42 operations had a total sales value of \$1.0 million for cut Christmas trees. There were 120 operations with direct consumer sales totaling \$7.8 million.

Horticultural production expenses totaled \$17.5 million in West Virginia in 2014. The single largest expense was for hired labor totaling \$6.5 million which includes salaries paid to hired workers as well as benefits. In the State, 77 horticultural operations employed a total of 787 hired workers in 2014.

Access the complete results of the 2014 Census of Horticultural Specialties online at <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov>.

### West Virginia Horticulture Value of Sales, Selected Categories – 2009 and 2014

Category	Value of Sales <sup>1/</sup>	
	2009	2014
Dollars		
All Horticultural Crops	22,297,000	<b>21,021,000</b>
Annual Bedding/Garden Plants	8,468,000	<b>6,631,000</b>
Vegetable-Type Bedding Plants	1,055,000	<b>860,000</b>
Annual Bedding/Garden Plants Sold as Hanging Baskets	873,000	<b>743,000</b>
Potted Herbaceous Perennial Plants	923,000	<b>804,000</b>
Potted Flowering Plants for Indoor/Patio Use	940,000	<b>816,000</b>
Cut Flowers	30,000	<b>54,000</b>
Food Crops Grown Under Protection	2,108,000	<b>2,455,000</b>
Cut Christmas Trees	531,000	<b>1,001,000</b>
Nursery Stock	(D)	<b>2,072,000</b>
Broadleaf Evergreens	445,000	<b>712,000</b>
Coniferous Evergreens	389,000	<b>462,000</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Represents Total Value of Sales for each category. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.