

FLORICULTURE CROPS

Connecticut: The number of commercial growers in 2003 was 286, down 30 growers from the previous year. The wholesale equivalent value of sales increased from \$84.9 million in 2002 to \$87.8 million in 2003. Bedding and garden plants remained the largest category with 80 percent of wholesale equivalent sales for operations with more than \$100,000 in sales.

Massachusetts: The number of commercial growers in 2003 was 431, down 32 growers from the previous year. The wholesale equivalent value of sales decreased from \$84.6 million in 2002 to \$79.4 million in 2003. As was true in Connecticut, bedding and garden plants were the largest category with 66 percent of wholesale equivalent sales for operations with more than \$100,000 in sales.

This is a brief summary taken from the National **Floriculture Crops** report. It is issued annually from the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Washington, D.C. The complete report has many more details. It is also on the Internet at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/nassr/other/zfc-bb/floran04.pdf> and can be ordered via free e-mail subscriptions or by calling 1-800-999-6779.

FLORICULTURE CROPS: Growing Area by Type of Cover, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Total Number of Growers	Glass Greenhouses	Fiberglass and Other Rigid Greenhouses	Film Plastic (Single/Multi) Greenhouses	Total Greenhouse Cover	Shade and Temporary Cover	Total Covered Area	Open Ground
Number		1,000 Square Feet						
Connecticut^{1/}								Acres
1994	239	1,326	362	4,232	5,920	99	6,019	144
1995	267	1,360	506	4,253	6,119	150	6,269	210
1996	252	1,316	546	4,287	6,149	220	6,369	168
1997	293	1,431	837	5,429	7,697	282	7,979	329
1998	297	1,653	819	6,659	9,131	232	9,363	410
1999	288	1,568	739	6,275	8,582	394	8,976	373
2000	297	1,553	830	6,007	8,390	404	8,794	398
2001	284	1,844	1,615	5,705	9,164	409	9,573	525
2002	316	1,568	1,192	6,589	9,349	396	9,745	519
2003	286	1,531	1,150	6,621	9,302	470	9,772	514
Massachusetts^{1/}								
1994	395	2,101	1,408	5,097	8,606	111	8,717	201
1995	447	2,214	1,349	6,119	9,682	174	9,856	322
1996	416	2,202	1,239	6,006	9,447	181	9,628	319
1997	499	1,937	1,180	7,051	10,168	155	10,323	388
1998	476	1,947	1,193	7,568	10,708	117	10,825	431
1999	457	2,039	953	7,150	10,142	84	10,226	434
2000	471	1,894	1,073	6,704	9,671	112	9,783	421
2001	446	1,877	1,261	6,250	9,388	133	9,521	384
2002	463	1,839	1,007	6,701	9,547	230	9,777	650
2003	431	1,525	930	7,176	9,631	121	9,752	633
Connecticut^{2/}								
1994	77	1,113	128	2,973	4,214	60	4,274	92
1995	87	1,156	239	2,918	4,313	65	4,378	105
1996	95	1,137	255	3,081	4,473	160	4,633	119
1997	106	1,118	525	4,131	5,774	254	6,028	207
1998	112	1,294	591	5,444	7,329	191	7,520	304
1999	112	1,247	608	4,806	6,661	338	6,999	304
2000	103	1,351	651	4,650	6,652	349	7,001	278
2001	104	1,684	1,389	4,315	7,388	386	7,774	351
2002	103	1,376	948	5,115	7,439	377	7,816	361
2003	100	1,427	832	5,096	7,355	431	7,786	402
Massachusetts^{2/}								
1994	111	1,530	1,143	2,838	5,511	22	5,533	115
1995	121	1,653	1,009	3,109	5,771	51	5,822	104
1996	136	1,740	906	4,024	6,670	116	6,786	134
1997	140	1,865	972	4,116	6,953	118	7,071	163
1998	146	1,545	912	4,210	6,667	15	6,682	208
1999	163	1,616	953	4,901	7,470	34	7,504	255
2000	146	1,637	723	4,671	7,031	55	7,086	267
2001	149	1,615	844	4,425	6,884	79	6,963	237
2002	147	1,469	727	4,515	6,711	171	6,882	281
2003	150	1,256	753	5,111	7,120	31	7,151	323

^{1/} All known growers with \$10,000 or more in floriculture sales.

^{2/} All known growers with \$100,000 or more in floriculture sales.

FLORICULTURE CROPS: Number of Growers, by Size of Reported Gross Value of Sales, 1994 - 2003
(Summarized from interviews of all known growers with \$10,000 or more in floriculture sales)

State	\$10,000 to \$19,999	\$20,000 to \$39,999	\$40,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$499,999	\$500,000 or More	Total	Expanded Wholesale Value ^{1/}
1,000 Dollars								
Connecticut								
1994	46	35	15	66	58	19	239	41,542
1995	54	41	24	61	64	23	267	46,251
1996	43	37	25	52	68	27	252	49,473
1997	60	44	22	61	77	29	293	59,939
1998	57	56	17	55	89	23	297	64,926
1999	53	48	22	53	87	25	288	67,964
2000	54	51	25	64	77	26	297	72,125
2001	45	55	15	65	75	29	284	80,175
2002	55	49	29	80	73	30	316	84,943
2003	45	47	24	70	69	31	286	87,834
Massachusetts								
1994	60	67	28	119	91	30	395	53,940
1995	70	80	30	131	102	34	447	72,422
1996	61	64	37	114	108	32	416	69,810
1997	88	99	45	121	117	29	499	75,367
1998	96	89	26	102	131	32	476	70,133
1999	77	70	46	118	116	30	457	75,936
2000	76	64	45	137	119	30	471	79,546
2001	71	59	37	140	106	33	446	78,083
2002	63	82	35	136	105	42	463	84,608
2003	57	64	29	131	108	42	431	79,365

^{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.

FLORICULTURE CROPS: Wholesale Value ^{1/} of Sales, 1994 - 2003

(Summarized from interviews of all known growers with \$100,000 or more in floriculture sales)

State and Year	Total Cut Flowers	Total Potted Flowering Plants	Total Foliage for Indoor or Patio Use ^{2/}	Total Bedding/Garden Plants ^{3/}	Annual Bedding/Garden Plants ^{4/}	Herbaceous Perennial Plants ^{4/}	Propagative Materials ^{4/}	Total Wholesale Value of Reported Crops ^{5/}
1,000 Dollars								
Connecticut								
1994	1,421	7,343	2,439	22,974	6/	6/	6/	34,177
1995	1,611	6,728	2,798	27,419	6/	6/	6/	38,556
1996	1,742	7,166	2,346	31,439	6/	6/	6/	42,693
1997	1,630	6,369	1,071	43,084	6/	6/	6/	52,154
1998	1,500	7,319	584	48,098	6/	6/	6/	57,501
1999	1,162	9,217	743	49,642	6/	6/	6/	60,764
2000	983	8,863	786	52,671	27,216	25,455	6/	63,303
2001	990	11,954	1,356	56,952	30,466	26,486	1,048	72,300
2002	913	11,383	1,727	61,496	30,559	30,937	424	75,943
2003	6/	14,135	1,492	62,564	35,127	27,437	6/	78,191
Massachusetts								
1994	5,800	10,186	1,257	23,602	6/	6/	6/	40,845
1995	6,645	11,491	3,531	36,130	6/	6/	6/	57,797
1996	6,030	11,765	3,310	35,655	6/	6/	6/	56,760
1997	5,200	9,311	3,726	41,740	6/	6/	6/	59,977
1998	4,826	9,159	3,321	39,897	6/	6/	6/	57,203
1999	4,229	9,147	7,418	40,967	6/	6/	6/	61,761
2000	3,527	9,246	3,644	45,675	37,271	8,404	2,092	64,184
2001	3,076	9,646	3,450	44,809	34,424	10,385	2,100	63,081
2002	4,713	10,381	4,085	46,544	34,361	12,183	4,663	70,386
2003	2,433	11,774	3,957	43,761	32,700	11,061	4,223	66,148

^{1/} Wholesale equivalent value of all sales.

^{2/} Data for 1999 and earlier represents net value. Data for 2000 and later represents wholesale equivalent value for all sales.

^{3/} Includes Annual Bedding Plants and Herbaceous Perennials.

^{4/} Data Series began in 2000; 1999 and prior data not available.

^{5/} Data for 2000 and later not comparable to 1999 and earlier because 2000 and later total sales includes propagative material; total sales of propagative materials were added in 2000.

^{6/} Data not included to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

CONNECTICUT: Potted Flowering Plants, Potted Bedding/Garden Plants, Production for 2002 - 2003
(Summarized from interviews of all known growers with \$100,000 or more in floriculture sales)

Item	Producers		Quantity Sold						Percent of Sales at Wholesale	Wholesale Price				Value of Sales at Wholesale ^{1/}		
			Less Than 5 Inches		5 Inches or More		Total			Less Than 5 Inches		5 Inches or More				
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Number		1,000 Pots						Percent	Dollars per Pot				1,000 Dollars		
Potted Flowering Plants																
Florist Chrysanthemums	12	11	2/	2/	296	396	296	396	89	99	3/	3/	2.43	2.44	719	966
Finished Florist Azaleas	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Easter Lilies	20	19	2/	2/	262	268	262	268	97	97	3/	3/	3.29	3.80	862	1,018
Poinsettias	38	38	347	325	1,354	974	1,701	1,299	97	94	1.44	1.59	3.83	4.50	5,686	4,900
Spring Flowering Bulbs	17	20	30	59	146	287	176	346	95	97	1.48	1.75	3.65	3.50	577	1,108
Other Potted Flowering Plants	25	24	266	388	527	999	793	1,387	77	88	1.65	1.36	3.00	4.22	2,020	4,743
Potted Bedding/ Garden Plants																
Begonias	28	24	114	188	126	2/	240	188	89	47	1.31	4.24	5.76	3/	875	797
Geraniums (Cuttings)	68	63	925	819	268	241	1,193	1,060	66	75	2.08	1.81	3.02	4.84	2,733	2,649
Geraniums (Seed)	10	15	788	812	2/	2/	788	812	96	94	0.87	0.84	3/	3/	686	685
Impatiens	16	16	21	24	13	17	34	41	38	54	0.82	1.18	2.71	3.36	52	85
New Guinea Impatiens	68	62	536	545	96	91	632	636	84	85	1.47	1.48	2.71	4.37	1,048	1,204
Marigolds	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Pansies/Violas	16	15	52	56	52	62	104	118	85	92	0.84	0.82	2.84	4.01	191	295
Petunias	22	24	38	44	64	64	102	108	75	70	1.69	1.49	2.56	3.27	228	275
Other Flowering and Foliar Type Bedding Plants	51	45	785	1,145	203	366	988	1,511	59	70	1.74	2.17	3.62	4.71	2,101	4,209
Vegetable Type Bedding Plants	35	28	2,252	2,287	2/	2/	2,252	2,287	97	95	1.10	1.39	3/	3/	2,477	3,179

^{1/} Wholesale equivalent value of all sales.^{2/} Pot sizes have been combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.^{3/} Pot price is a weighted average of all pot sizes reported to avoid disclosure of individual operations.^{4/} Data were not included to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**CONNECTICUT: Bedding/Garden Plants (Flats), Hanging Baskets, Potted Foliage Plants
Production, Sales, Price and Value for 2002 - 2003**

(Summarized from interviews of all known growers with \$100,000 or more in floriculture sales)

Item	Producers		Total Quantity Sold		Percent of Sales at Wholesale		Wholesale Price		Value of Sales at Wholesale ^{1/}	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Number	1,000 Flats		Percent		Dollars per Flat		1,000 Dollars		
Bedding/Garden Plants (Flats)										
Begonias	52	47	216	108	96	92	6.74	7.57	1,456	818
Impatiens	55	50	284	315	86	90	7.83	7.48	2,224	2,356
New Guinea Impatiens	9	8	10	14	93	96	11.75	10.78	118	151
Pansies/Violas	48	47	148	152	92	93	8.52	8.54	1,261	1,298
Petunias	61	56	135	158	87	87	8.40	7.89	1,134	1,247
Marigolds	56	52	167	169	93	92	7.57	7.25	1,264	1,225
Other Flowering and Foliar Type Bedding Plants	55	57	879	944	92	92	6.79	7.37	5,968	6,957
Vegetable Type Bedding Plants	54	48	240	182	89	84	7.41	7.53	1,778	1,370
	Number	1,000 Baskets		Percent		Dollars per Basket		1,000 Dollars		
Hanging Baskets										
Foliage	21	17	70	71	93	95	4.34	4.59	304	326
Begonias	33	28	64	28	77	73	7.15	6.62	458	185
Geranium (Cuttings)	58	45	110	98	75	82	6.59	6.99	725	685
Impatiens	39	31	33	35	64	81	5.56	5.70	183	200
New Guinea Impatiens	59	48	194	132	92	89	6.86	6.91	1,331	912
Pansies/Violas	14	13	19	21	97	99	6.73	6.87	128	144
Petunias	41	35	33	38	63	66	6.79	6.58	224	250
Other Flowering	49	47	278	452	86	92	6.42	8.34	1,785	3,770
Potted Foliage Plants	16	14	N/A	N/A	89	73	NA	NA	1,423	1,166

^{1/} Wholesale equivalent value of all sales.

CONNECTICUT: Herbaceous Perennials

(Summarized from interviews of all known growers with \$100,000 or more in floriculture sales)

Item	Producers		Quantity Sold							
			Less Than 1 Gallon		1 - 2 Gallons		2 Gallons or Larger		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Number		1,000 Pots							
Potted Hosta	38	30	209	166	224	102	41	23	474	291
Other Potted Herbaceous Perennials	58	49	4,680	2,903	3,262	2,890	468	417	8,410	6,210
Item	Percent of Sales at Wholesale		Wholesale Price						Value of All Sales at Wholesale ^{1/}	
			Less Than 1 Gallon		1 - 2 Gallons		2 Gallons or Larger			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Percent		Dollars per Pot						1,000 Dollars	
Potted Hosta	94	70	3.17	3.71	3.43	4.33	4.51	6.91	1,616	1,216
Other Potted Herbaceous Perennials	92	70	2.29	3.86	3.86	2.93	5.53	6.48	25,897	22,375

^{1/} Wholesale equivalent value of all sales.

MASSACHUSETTS: Potted Flowering Plants, Potted Bedding/Garden Plants, Production for 2002 - 2003

(Summarized from interviews of all known growers with \$100,000 or more in floriculture sales)

Item	Producers	Quantity Sold						Percent of Sales at Wholesale	Wholesale Price				Value of Sales at Wholesale ^{1/}			
		Less Than 5 Inches		5 Inches or More		Total			Less Than 5 Inches		5 Inches or More					
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003		
	Number	1,000 Pots						Percent	Dollars per Pot				1,000 Dollars			
Potted Flowering Plants																
Florist Chrysanthemums	11	13	2/	25	30	2/	30	25	24	31	3/	2.68	4.30	3/	129	67
Finished Florist Azaleas	11	14	2/	2/	11	10	11	10	79	74	3/	3/	11.44	11.82	126	118
Easter Lilies	36	33	2/	2/	189	183	189	183	83	83	3/	3/	4.67	4.72	883	864
Poinsettias	68	65	275	282	456	455	731	737	82	76	3.19	3.13	6.51	6.22	3,846	3,713
Spring Flowering Bulbs	37	34	232	262	215	267	447	529	95	91	1.70	1.53	3.81	4.03	1,214	1,477
Other Potted Flowering Plants	29	36	480	587	196	300	676	887	93	62	1.41	1.92	4.40	6.39	1,539	3,044
Potted Bedding-Garden Plants																
Begonias	48	42	140	135	45	47	185	182	86	79	1.26	1.14	3.33	1.89	326	243
Geraniums (Cuttings)	96	102	1,260	1,323	280	393	1,540	1,716	61	56	1.55	1.57	4.36	4.96	3,174	4,026
Geraniums (Seed)	27	28	690	330	2/	2/	690	330	80	59	0.93	1.11	3/	3/	642	366
Impatiens	40	42	332	317	50	105	382	422	79	76	1.00	1.01	2.05	1.78	435	507
New Guinea Impatiens	87	86	347	338	76	76	423	414	64	56	1.55	1.63	4.05	2.79	846	763
Marigolds	20	21	87	98	19	37	106	135	92	88	0.69	0.60	1.57	1.50	90	114
Pansies/Violas	32	37	78	58	33	31	111	89	79	49	1.40	1.21	4.82	2.70	268	154
Petunias	45	49	102	131	34	42	136	173	56	47	1.14	1.19	2.15	2.00	189	240
Other Flowering and Foliar Type Bedding Plants	70	72	2,265	1,693	1,237	1,302	3,502	2,995	88	77	1.50	1.38	3.05	3.45	7,170	6,828
Vegetable Type Bedding Plants	53	52	626	549	82	92	708	641	79	73	1.20	1.35	2.15	2.17	928	941

^{1/} Wholesale equivalent value of all sales.^{2/} Pot sizes have been combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.^{3/} Pot price is a weighted average of all pot sizes reported to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

MASSACHUSETTS: Bedding/Garden Plants (Flats), Hanging Baskets, Potted Foliage Plants Production, Sales, Price and Value for 2002 - 2003

(Summarized from interviews of all known growers with \$100,000 or more in floriculture sales)

Item	Producers		Total Quantity Sold		Percent of Sales at Wholesale		Wholesale Price		Value of Sales at Wholesale ^{1/}	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Number	1,000 Flats		Percent		Dollars per Flat		1,000 Dollars		
Bedding/Garden Plants (Flats)										
Begonias	77	78	101	97	60	76	10.39	7.96	1,049	772
Impatiens	85	88	297	322	35	34	9.80	7.87	2,911	2,534
New Guinea Impatiens	13	11	11	8	60	63	8.32	10.45	92	84
Pansies/Violas	76	79	84	83	49	52	9.94	8.51	835	706
Petunias	85	84	101	105	44	40	8.96	7.88	905	827
Marigolds	81	81	85	96	62	61	8.51	7.86	723	755
Other Flowering and Foliar Type Bedding Plants	85	83	631	654	57	51	10.41	8.17	6,569	5,345
Vegetable Type Bedding Plants	82	80	174	152	38	44	10.32	8.65	1,796	1,315
	Number	1,000 Baskets		Percent		Dollars per Basket		1,000 Dollars		
Hanging Baskets										
Foliage	29	30	180	124	96	91	5.24	5.11	943	634
Begonias	39	38	28	28	73	69	6.14	5.62	172	157
Geranium (Cuttings)	64	74	65	92	62	50	8.35	9.01	543	829
Impatiens	69	67	93	84	74	56	6.96	6.67	647	560
New Guinea Impatiens	66	59	84	89	75	69	8.42	8.19	707	729
Pansies/Violas	22	26	11	16	74	73	8.53	8.54	94	137
Petunias	70	69	62	57	63	58	8.02	8.35	497	476
Other Flowering	76	87	286	357	76	67	8.38	8.43	2,397	3,010
Potted Foliage Plants	18	17	N/A	N/A	86	83	N/A	N/A	3,142	3,323

^{1/} Wholesale equivalent value of all sales.

MASSACHUSETTS: Herbaceous Perennials

(Summarized from interviews of all known growers with \$100,000 or more in floriculture sales)

Item	Producers		Quantity Sold							
			Less Than 1 Gallon		1 - 2 Gallons		2 Gallons or Larger		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Number		1,000 Pots							
Potted Hosta	54	59	22	1/	69	70	9	1/	100	70
Other Potted Herbaceous Perennials	85	92	1,145	1,327	889	842	178	90	2,212	2,259
Item	Percent of Sales at Wholesale		Wholesale Price						Value of All Sales at Wholesale ^{1/}	
			Less Than 1 Gallon		1 - 2 Gallons		2 Gallons or Larger			
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Percent		Dollars per Pot						1,000 Dollars	
Potted Hosta	50	60	2.72	3/	4.57	5.63	9.3	3/	459	394
Other Potted Herbaceous Perennials	66	62	1.55	1.78	4.33	3.72	8.39	5.50	7,118	5,989

^{1/} Pot sizes have been combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

^{2/} Wholesale equivalent value of all sales.

^{3/} Pot price is a weighted average of all pots reported to avoid disclosure of individual operations.