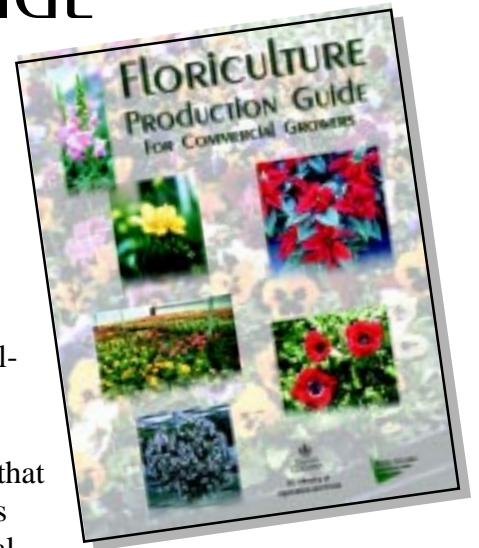


FLORICULTURE PRODUCTION GUIDE

Since the last Floriculture Production Guide for Commercial Growers was published in 1996, there have been ten new pesticides and several label expansions for floriculture crops. The Guide is intended to be used both as a source list of registered pesticides and as a management tool for both greenhouse and field grown crops.

In keeping with the integrated pest management (IPM) focus of British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, the new 1999 guide contains extensive information on the recognition and life histories of floriculture pests as well as precise control measures. The content of the guide has been broadened under the assumption that the more that is known and understood about pest management, the easier it will be to develop IPM strategies that minimize reliance on chemical controls. The section on biological control has been expanded and rewritten to reflect current recommendations on biological control agents. It also includes a new section on getting started with biologicals.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Managing the plant environment chapter has been expanded to include more information on nutrient and pH interactions.
- ◆ The chapter on plant growth regulators (PGR) has been rewritten to provide more information and tips on using PGRs and to include the two new products Bonzi and Sumagic.
- ◆ The disease chapter includes an expanded section on bacterial blight of geraniums (*Xanthomonas*).
- ◆ The insect chapter includes six new insecticide/miticides.
- ◆ The weed section has been expanded to include more herbicide listings and more information on their use.
- ◆ Two new chapters on pesticide application equipment and pesticide sprayer calibration. They contain information on field spray equipment and on specialized greenhouse equipment.

The 1999 Floriculture Production Guide has a new, sharp look and format. The front cover features full colour pictures of BC floriculture crops. You'll find working with the new guide much easier; it's in a new easy-to-read single column format and coil binding for easier handling. It will now lie open flat to each page. The sections are now organized into numbered chapters and each page has a sidebar identifying the chapter and content. Where applicable the side bars also contain an icon that reflects which pest is featured on that page. For example, the pages that cover spider mite life cycle and pesticide recommendations all have a line drawing of a spider mite within the sidebar. Similarly, the sections on biological control have a ladybug in the side bar.

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