Selected Resources & References for Commercial Greenhouse Operators

Reference Books

Books can be obtained from the publisher (known links are listed here), through a local bookstore, or by ordering through an industry trade magazine (books are generally advertised in each issue). Book sources can also be located by searching the Internet using the title as the keyword.

**Ball RedBook: Greenhouses and Equipment** (Vol. 1)

**Ball RedBook: Crop Production** (Vol. 2)

**The Commercial Greenhouse**

**Greenhouse and Nursery Handbook**

**Greenhouse Management: Guide to Structures, Environmental Control, Materials Handling, Crop Programming & Business Analysis**

**Greenhouse Operation and Management**

**Herbaceous Perennial Plants: A Treatise on Their Identification, Culture, and Garden Attributes**
http://www.stipes.com/horticulture.html

**Hydroponic Food Production: A Definitive Guidebook for the Advanced Home Gardener and the Commercial Hydroponic Grower**
http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781439878675

**Hydroponic Home Food Gardens**
Howard M. Resh. 2002. CRC Press. 159 pp
http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9780931231988
**Introduction to Floriculture**

**Managing Diseases in Greenhouse Crops**
http://www.apsnet.org/apsstore/shopapspress/Pages/41221.aspx

**Manual of Herbaceous Ornamental Plants**
http://www.stipes.com/horticulture.html

**Specialty Cut Flowers**
http://www.timberpress.com/books/specialty_cut_flowers/armitage/9780881929768

**Woody Cut Stems for Growers and Florists: Production and Post-Harvest Handling of Branches for Flowers, Fruit, and Foliage**
http://www.timberpress.com/books/woody_cut_stems_growers_florists/greer/9780881928921

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**Grower Associations, Bulletins, Educational Meetings, Industry Trade Shows**

**Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers**
Educational opportunities, national meetings, and quarterly newsletter.
MPO Box 268, Oberlin, OH 44074-0268
Phone: 440-774-2887
http://www.ascfg.org

**Indiana Flower Growers Association**
Regional meetings, annual trade show and convention.
625 Agriculture Mall Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47907
Phone: 765-494-1306
http://sharepoint.agriculture.purdue.edu/agriculture/flowers/ifga.aspx

**Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association**
Winter conference and trade show, continuing education programs, and quarterly magazine.
PO Box 6827, Franklin, KY 40602-6827
Phone: 502-320-3733;
http://www.knla.org/

**North Carolina Commercial Flower Growers Association**
Workshops, field days, poinsettia open house at NCSU, and publications.
PO Box 58220, Raleigh, NC 27658
Phone: 919-782-3058
http://www.nccfga.org/
http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/floriculture/NCCFGA/pubs/bulletins.htm

**OFA-The Association of Horticulture Professionals**
Formerly: Ohio Florists Association. Bi-monthly bulletin, webinars; and annual 4-day short course, convention and marketplace in July.
2130 Stella Court, Columbus, OH 43215-1033
Phone: 614-487-1117
http://www.ofa.org

**Perennial Plant Association**
Annual national symposium and trade show, regional meetings, quarterly journal, bi-monthly newsletter.
3383 Schirziner Road, Hilliard, OH 43026
Phone: 614-771-8431
http://www.perennialplant.org/

**SAF-Society of American Florists**
Annual meeting, educational resources, weekly e-mail newsletter, quarterly industry research and information reports, monthly magazine.
1601 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: 800-336-4743
http://www.safnow.org/

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**Industry Periodicals**

**GPN-Greenhouse Product News**
Scranton Gillette Publications
380 East NW Highway, Des Plaines, IL 60016
http://www.gpnmag.com/

**Greenhouse Grower**
Meister Publishing Co.
37733 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby, OH 44094.
Phone: 800-572-7740
http://www.greenhousegrower.com/
Greenhouse Management
GIE Media
4020 Kinross Lakes Pkwy, Richfield, OH 44286
Phone: 800/456-0707
http://www.greenhousemanagementonline.com/

Green Profit
Ball Publishing, Inc.
622 Town Rd., West Chicago, IL 60186
Phone: 888-888-0013

GrowerTalks
Ball Publishing, Inc.
622 Town Rd., West Chicago, IL 60186
Phone: 888-888-0013
http://www.ballpublishing.com/growertalks/default.aspx

Internet Resources

Commercial Floriculture (University of Kentucky)
Information on greenhouse production in Kentucky.
http://www.uky.edu/hort/documents-list-commercial-flower

Commercial Floriculture and Greenhouse Production (Purdue University)
Events of interest to Indiana floriculture, Extension publications, general and specific crop information.
http://flowers.hort.purdue.edu

Controlled Environment Agriculture (Cornell University)
Hydroponic crop production.
http://www.cornellcea.com/

Ellison Chair in International Floriculture (Texas A&M University)
Chair held by Dr. Charlie Hall. Web site and blog. Particularly useful information related to marketing and economics.
http://ellisonchair.tamu.edu/

Floriculture (North Carolina State University)
Crop information, culture topics, commercial floriculture leaflets, Floriculture Research Reports (Bedding Plant Trial Summaries), floriculture software, and more (also note the smaller links at the bottom of this Web page).
http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/floriculture/

Horticulture Business Information Network: Greenhouses (Texas A & M)
Links to information related to the greenhouse industry, including production, economics, risk management, and greenhouse software.
http://hbin.tamu.edu/HBIN-Greenhouse.htm

The Horticultural Web
Links to many suppliers for the greenhouse and horticultural industries.
http://www.horticulture.com

Kentucky Garden Flowers (University of Kentucky)
An online encyclopedia of annual and perennial flowers suitable for Kentucky landscapes; includes results of garden flower trials completed in the state.
http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Horticulture/gardenflowers/

OSU Floriculture Website (Ohio State University)
Information on floriculture trials, crop improvement, ornamental germplasm, and more.
http://oardc.osu.edu/floriculture/t07_pageview/Home.htm

Poinsettias (Ecke Poinsettia)
Production guidelines; disease and insect information.
http://www.ecke.com/poinsettias/

The Trial Gardens at UGA (University of Georgia)
Results of evaluations of annual and perennial flowers at the University of Georgia.
http://ugtrial.hort.uga.edu/

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