

WORKING FOR HORTICULTURE

ABOUT US

AmericanHort unites the horticultural industry and represents professionals from all facets of the industry.

From growers to retailers, breeders to installers, suppliers to innovators, students to researchers, and everyone in between, people and businesses across the horticulture industry call AmericanHort their inspiration, voice, community, business partner, leader, and advocate.

With farm gate crop value of roughly \$17 billion, total industry economic output of \$348 billion, and directly supporting 2.32 million full- and part-time jobs, the horticulture industry is a key player in the American economy.

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SCOPE OF THE INDUSTRY

The business of horticulture is significant and has a big impact. Our businesses include growers, retailers, breeders, suppliers, landscape designers, and installers. Most are small and family-owned. Many are into their third or even fifth generation of family ownership. They are found in every state. Greenhouse and nursery crops comprise one-third of the total value of all specialty crops, and 10% of the value of all crop production in America. More than just a "pretty face," horticulture's products and services add to property values, clean and filter air and water, make our cities cooler and more livable, and increase health and well-being.





in employment in the landscape services sector of horticulture (period of 2010 to 2018)









Figures from Executive Summary of Economic Contributions of the Green Industries in the United States in 2018 by Alan W. Hodges and Hayk Khachatryan, University of Florida, Charles R. Hall and Marco A. Palma, Texas A&M University; July 10, 2019. Green industries in this study are defined as nursery and floriculture production, lawn and garden equipment manufacturing, lawn/garden equipment and nursery/florist wholesalers, retail garden stores, florists, landscape design and services.

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HORTICULTURE MEANS JOBS

State	Total Employment Contributions
Alabama	28,248
Arizona	46,941
Arkansas	8,348
California	264,913
Colorado	48,571
Connecticut	31,384
Florida	203,482
Georgia	66,527
Idaho	15,391
Illinois	87,595
Indiana	45,701

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lowa	24,958
Maine	12,743
Maryland	50,700
Massachusetts	52,913
Michigan	77,719
Minnesota	43,472
Mississippi	16,849
Missouri	42,788
New Jersey	64,513
North Carolina	78,766

State	Total Employment Contributions
Ohio	90,406
Oklahoma	23,946
Oregon	43,078
Pennsylvania	90,075
Rhode Island	8,169
South Carolina	36,435
Tennessee	44,006
Texas	161,151
Utah	22,355
Virginia	63,559

