



### **2015-16 New England Greenhouse Floriculture Guide Available**

Greenhouse growers in New England and New York have long relied on the New England Greenhouse Floriculture Guide, for its unbiased, detailed information about insect and mite management, disease prevention and management, weed control, and plant growth regulation. The *Guide* is updated every two years to ensure that it provides up-to-date information about crop management methods and products. The 2015-16 edition will be available at the 2014 Northeast Greenhouse Conference and Expo, 5-6 November 2014, at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield MA.

The new edition presents several new features:

- \* The disease management section has been rewritten into a new format, making it easier to use than ever before.
- \* A discussion of neonicotinoid insecticides and their potential impact on nontarget insects such as bees has been added, to help growers make informed decisions about pest management products.
- \* Several newly registered plant growth regulator products have been added to the 2015-16 edition.
- \* All product registration numbers, REIs, application rates and application guidelines have been updated.
- \* The pest and problem identification website, maintained by Guide contributors Leanne Pundt of University of Connecticut and Tina Smith of University of Massachusetts, has been expanded to include emerging pest problems. You can access it online at: <http://nengreenhouseupdate.info/photo-library> This resource provides photographs and descriptions of cultural problems, diseases, insects, mites, nutritional disorders, weeds and algae. It also presents photos of biological control agents, and symptom look-alikes.

The *Guide* is a comprehensive manual whose recommendations reflect an integrated and sustainable pest management approach. If you're interested in implementing biocontrols, the *Guide* will help you get started. If you need to eliminate weeds under benches, check the *Guide* for products that are labeled for use in greenhouses. If you want to maintain thrifty plants, follow the nonchemical methods presented in the *Guide*, and also learn which PGRs might help you achieve added height control.

The *Guide* is updated every two years by floriculture faculty and staff from the six New England State Universities, and is published by New England Floriculture, Inc.

The 2015-16 edition of the *Guide* will be available to attendees of the New England Greenhouse Conference at a special conference price of \$30 per copy. After the conference, it will be available for \$40 per copy via the Northeast Greenhouse Conference website ([www.negreenhouse.org](http://www.negreenhouse.org)), and from the Extension publication offices of the Universities of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

The Extension programs of the six New England State Universities and Cornell University collaborate with New England Floriculture, Inc., to sponsor the biennial **Northeast Greenhouse Conference and Expo**. For more information about the Conference, visit the website: [www.negreenhouse.org](http://www.negreenhouse.org)

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