

Chat ROOM

Editor's Note: In January, we began sending out a monthly survey to our readers on a variety of topics. Chat Room is the new monthly feature that reports those survey results. This is a perfect venue to get to know your peers and where you stand in different categories. Do you have a question you want us to ask? Contact managing editor, Jasmina Dolce, at jdolce@greatamericanpublish.com.

This month, we asked growers about CEA growing methods, petunia production and PGR use. Here's what they had to say.

40% use controlled environment agriculture (CEA) methods.

Of those growers using CEA production techniques...

88% USE GREENHOUSES

23% USE HIGH TUNNELS AND HOOP HOUSES

20% USE HYDROPONICS

15% USE VERTICAL GROWING

Turn to page 20 for quick tips to hydroponic growing.

What are the **TOP THREE PRODUCTION CHALLENGES** when growing petunias?

1. PGR APPLICATIONS

2. PEST MANAGEMENT

3. FERTILIZATION

What is your preferred method of **PGR APPLICATION?**

#1 WAS SPRAY AT 35%

#2 WAS DRENCH AT 25%

Turn to page 42 to learn more about success with PGRs

Do you have a preferred petunia variety/series?

Wave.

“For the display, uniformity and color choices.”

Supertunia Vistas.

“They handle our heat and humidity very well.”

Night Sky.

“It is different and original.”

Surfinia.

“They are hardy to wind and rain, and grow big and beautiful.”

Crazytunias.

“We have very little problems, they are dependable, and the customers love them.”

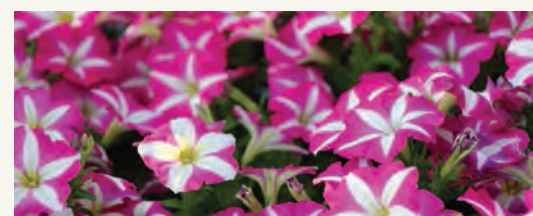
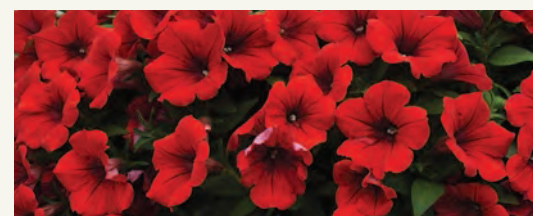
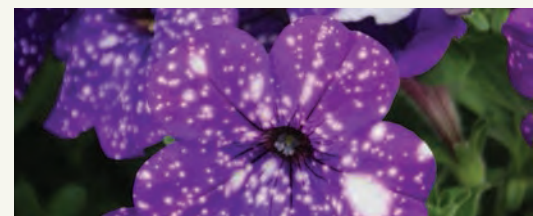
Potunias.

“They stay more compact and flowers don't shatter.”

Success.

“For premium pots.”

Turn to page 34 to read about top-performing petunias.



Are you growing petunias in 2019?

63% YES