

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 their experience with pests and diseases. And now that spring is officially here and Mother's Day is just around the corner, we discuss spring's challenges and opportunities.

What are the **TOP THREE DISEASES** affecting growers in 2019?

- 1 Botrytis**
- 2 Powdery mildew**
- 3 Pythium**

Turn to page 18 for an update on disease control.

Our industry's big kickoff, Mother's Day, is quickly approaching. Which plants are expected to be your **TOP SELLERS** leading up to Mother's Day weekend?

- Combination hanging baskets**
- Hydrangeas**
- Petunias**
- Herbs and vegetables**
- Succulents**
- Roses**
- Geraniums**



What are the **TOP THREE PESTS** affecting growers in 2019?

#1 APHIDS

#2 Thrips

#3 Spider mites

What is the **TOP CHALLENGE** facing your business this spring?

70%

Unpredictable weather

54%

Finding labor

30%

Emerging pests and diseases



Do you currently use biological products as part of your plant protection program?

70% YES!

Turn to page 14 for a discussion on biological insect control.