

# 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](mailto:jdolce@greatamericanpublish.com).*

This month, we asked growers about plant trials, greenhouse structures and how they're preparing for summer. Here's what they had to say.

Do you attend plant trials, either regional or national?

**46% said YES!**



Which plant trials do you attend?  
Many of you said:

Colorado State University

California Spring Trials


Dallas Arboretum

Plant Peddler in Iowa

Roberta-Raker's in Michigan

Welby Gardens in Colorado

Ohio State University

**67%**  said they conduct **THEIR OWN IN-HOUSE PLANT TRIALS**

What characteristics do you look for when evaluating plant trials?

Disease tolerance

Heat tolerance

Growth habit

Flower size

Consistency

Presentation in container

Greenhouse holding ability

Longevity in the garden

Flower and leaf color



Do you perform a formal spring/summer maintenance check in the greenhouse each year?

**80% said YES!**



What is at the top of your maintenance checklist?



Coolers/heaters

Fans (motors and valves)

Irrigation/watering systems

Shade/energy curtains

Greenhouse film

Controls and automated systems

How old are your greenhouse structures?

**31% SAID MORE THAN 20 YEARS OLD!**