

# 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 readers about their take on mixed combos, first-year flowering perennials and recycling. Here's what they had to say.

Do you grow mixed combinations?

**MORE than 75% SAID YES!**

What are some of the biggest challenges when producing combinations?

- “ Timing.
- “ Uniformity, not one plant overpowering the others.
- “ Blooming time for the consumer.
- “ Narrowing down the selection.
- “ Having all the liners arrive on time.
- “ Selecting varieties that like the same soil, water and sun conditions.

Turn to page 24 to learn about growing mixed combos.



Does your operation have a recycling program for used plastics?

**60% said they RECYCLE!**

Turn to page 22 to read about the future of plastic.



Do you grow first-year flowering perennials?

**MORE THAN HALF SAID YES!**

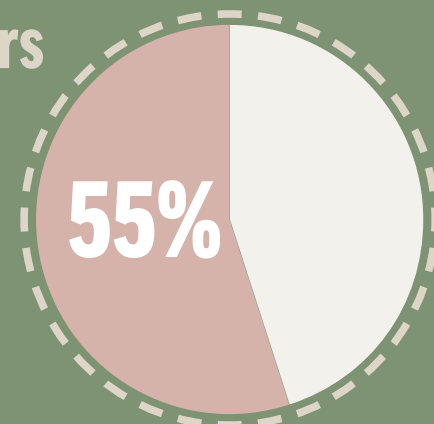


What are some of your top-selling varieties of first-year flowering perennials?

- » Echinacea
- » Lavender
- » Coreopsis
- » Salvia
- » Agastache
- » Rudbeckia
- » Leucanthemum



55% of our surveyed readers reported that **THEY HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE DEMAND** for first-year flowering perennials



Turn to page 18 for more information about first-year flowering perennials.