



Floriculture Industry Roundtable of Ohio

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Our Mission

The mission of the Floriculture Roundtable of Ohio is to provide an educational forum to floriculture Extension personnel, growers, and members of the allied industries across the Midwestern region, currently including Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Indiana, for the exchange, discussion, and dissemination of information related to floriculture.

Serving You

Do you ever have problems with crops? The Roundtable offers you free assistance in finding solutions. All persons listed in this directory are just a phone call away. Take advantage of the opportunity!

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Greenhouse Management

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Kneen, Hal
Krauskopf, Dean
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Metzger, Jim
Pasian, Claudio

Plant Pathology

Ellsworth, Denise
Taylor, Nancy

Entomology/IPM

Cañas, Luis
Cloyd, Raymond
McMahon, Robert W. (Bob)

Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering/Greenhouse Environment

Brugger, Mike
Ling, Peter

Management and Economics

Kneen, Hal
Rhodus, Tim

Composting

Watson, Maurice

Crop Physiology

Carver, Steve
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Nutrient Analysis/Water Quality

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- Greenhouse production systems with special emphasis on ventilation and control systems

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- IPM of crops in controlled environments
- Evaluation of pest-management practices including sanitation, cultural control, biological control, pesticide use
- Biological control use and its compatibility with pest control materials

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- Integrated pest management and biological control of greenhouse pests
- Effects of plants on natural enemy foraging success
- Compatibility of pest control materials with natural enemies
- Efficacy of new pest-control materials
- Tank mix compatibility

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- Business management
- Hydroponic vegetable production
- Greenhouse management

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- Small business management
- Marketing

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- Biotechnology
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- Greenhouse plant growth control systems
- Digital image applications

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- Floriculture crop physiology
- Light quality regulation of crop development
- Greenhouse management
- Production of floriculture crops

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- IPM
- Control of insect pests of floriculture crops with natural enemies and use of hot-water drenches and sprays, and manipulation of plant height by environmental manipulation (water and temperature)
- Greenhouse production and management

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- Role of hormones in plant growth and development
- Environmental control of flowering
- Use of biotechnology to improve floricultural crops

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- Production and management
- Modeling and timing of floricultural crops
- Water quality and nutrition of floricultural crops

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- Multimedia applications for marketing and education

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- Diagnosis of diseases of floral and other greenhouse crops

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- Analysis of soil, soilless mix, sewage sludges, manures, and water
- Water quality, composting, and environmental pollution problems

Floriculture Industry Roundtable of Ohio (FIROO) Activities Include:

- Assisting growers with crop production problems.
- Holding biweekly conference calls to assess the state of the industry. These calls are used as an educational forum by Roundtable members. Grower participation in the biweekly phone calls is possible (and encouraged) on a port-available basis by contacting Charles Behnke at 440-326-5859 prior to the biweekly conference.
- Preparing and faxing out informational alerts (FIROOFAX) to industry members when emergencies arise.
- Collaborating with the Ohio Florists Association and other regional grower associations in the organization of educational seminars and workshops.

Feel free to get in touch with any of the Roundtable members listed in this Directory if you have any floricultural problem or wish to share information.

