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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- 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
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- Identification and characterization of viruses of floral crops

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Water quality and nutrition of floricultural crops

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Management and economics of horticultural crops
Multimedia applications for marketing and education

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Greenhouse system design for optimum production
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Solar energy systems
Mechanization of horticultural crops
Natural ventilation of greenhouses

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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.

Do not hesitate 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.