

NYS IPM Ornamentals Report 2005

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General

For the second consecutive year the Ornamentals Team consisted of one educator and one part-time technician. The year finished with candidate interviews for the two open positions, the Ornamentals Coordinator and the Western Educator positions. Hopefully these will be filled sometime during the second quarter of 2006.

Nursery

The Ornamentals Team conducted a research/demonstration project (description below) with two Christmas tree growers. A field workshop on Insect, Disease and Weed Management for Christmas Trees was held in the Hudson Valley, over twenty growers attended. Drafts of the Christmas Tree IPM Manual were distributed to select growers for input. Individual site visits along with phone/email consultations were made with growers and/or extension educators.

Staff acted as editor/coordinator for the Tree and Shrubs Guidelines and completed the Best Management Practices for Long Island Nursery growers.

Greenhouse

The Ornamentals Team conducted a research/demonstration project (description below) with three growers and a private IPM scout. The Elements of Greenhouse IPM were completed and grower reviews conducted. Staff delivered presentations at the Hudson Valley and the Capital District Bedding Plant Schools. Staff participated in Greenhouse PWT activities including Advisory Board meetings, Flower Growers Field Day and the Annual Greenhouse Guidelines conference. Staff trained a county-based scout and otherwise assisted growers and county educators with individual IPM issues.