The Environmental Horticulture Industry Produces Plants

Plant production generated $140 million.

The estimated $209 million in plant sales include:

- $117 million from plants produced totally by the seller
- $23 million from young plants ("pre-finished") and grown further prior to selling
- $69 million from "finished" plants bought for resale, either wholesale or retail

Environmental Horticulture Provides Employment

At least 8,400 have careers in this industry. An additional 2,400 employees are needed.

- 2,700 new jobs were created over the past five years.
- This industry paid $153 million towards employees in 1998.
- An average 98% more was spent on labor than in 1993, by over half of the businesses.

Full-time, 54%
Part-time, 10%
Seasonal, 36%

More facts on Environmental Horticulture in Rhode Island

- The majority of income (76%) came from sales and services within the state.
- This industry paid $20 million in taxes. Over half the firms paid an average 39% more than in 1993.
- This industry is keeping over 21,700 acres in agriculture, over 5,200 of which is open space.