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- $41 million from "finished" plants bought for resale, either wholesale or retail.

Plant production generated $59 million.

The Environmental Horticulture industry produces income. The estimated value in Maine is $286 million.

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These firms include:

- production: nurseries, greenhouses, herbs, cut flowers, turfgrass.
- retail: garden centers, florists.
- landscape services: landscape design, installation, maintenance, lawn care, tree care.

Most firms are involved in more than one of these activities.

Environmental Horticulture is a major sector of agriculture in Maine. There are more than 780 firms in this industry.

The Environmental Horticulture industry is MANY types of businesses.

- Landscape & Tree Services
- Retail
- Wholesale Production/Sales
- Other

Environmental Horticulture provides MANY jobs. Almost 10,000 people have careers in this industry. An additional 2,900 are needed.

- Full-time: 46%
- Part-time: 15%
- Seasonal: 39%

An estimated 4,600 jobs are full time.
- This industry paid an estimated $143 million to employees.
- Since the previous survey, an average 39 percent more was spent on labor by almost two-thirds of the businesses.

Environmental Horticulture is MANY types of businesses.

Plant production and sales are a significant part of the Environmental Horticulture industry.

- Plant sales generated an estimated $100 million.

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More Facts on Environmental Horticulture in Maine

- This industry is keeping more than 13,300 acres in agriculture. More than 6,600 of those acres are open space.
- The majority of income (92 percent) came from sales and services within the state.
- This industry paid almost $20 million in taxes. More than half of the firms paid an average of 30 percent more taxes than reported in the previous survey.