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

The Environmental Horticulture industry produces income. The estimated value in Rhode Island is $329 million.

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Income increased 70%
Income decreased 9%
Income stayed the same 21%

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

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 $246 million.

This included:
- $138 million from plants produced totally by the seller.
- $27 million from young plants ("pre-finished") and grown further prior to selling.
- $81 million from "finished" plants bought for resale, either wholesale or retail.

Plant production generated $165 million.

Environmental Horticulture provides MANY jobs. At least 10,000 people have careers in this industry. An additional 3,600 are needed.

An estimated 5,900 jobs are full time.
This industry paid an estimated $182 million to employees.
Since the previous survey, an average 39 percent more was spent on labor by almost two-thirds of the businesses.

More Facts on Environmental Horticulture in Rhode Island

- This industry is keeping 25,000 acres in agriculture. More than 14,700 of those acres are open space.
- The majority of income (77 percent) came from sales and services within the state.
- This industry paid almost $24 million in taxes. Two-thirds of the firms paid an average of 22 percent more taxes than reported in the previous survey.