Virtual Greenhouse Tour

Teacher/Presenter Notes

Part 1 Introduction

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| Slide/Image  Number | Image(s) | Teacher/Presenter Notes |
| 1 | Introductory Slide showing greenhouse and title page | |
| 2 | 3 images showing the interiors of greenhouses | Locally-grown flowers are available to us in southern Ontario through the efforts of Ontario’s floriculture industry – the flower industry of Ontario. |
| 3 | Map of Canada | As a province, Ontario has about half of all of the greenhouse production in Canada |
| 4 | Map of North America | In North America, only California and Florida have greater production of flowers than Ontario! |
| 5 | Map of Southern Ontario showing greenhouse locations | Since these flowers are grown so close to us as consumers, the flowers they produce are only days…or sometimes hours…from going from the greenhouse to your house.  There are approximately 645 greenhouse operations in Ontario |
| 6 | Map of southwestern Ontario | Many of the greenhouses in Southwestern Ontario are near Hamilton and also near Simcoe. |
| 7 | Map of Niagara Area | Although the Niagara area is small, it has a great many greenhouses in the areas of Grimsby, Beamsville, Vineland, St. Catharines and Niagara—on-the-Lake. There are also greenhouses south of Highway #20 towards Lake Erie. |
| 8 | Map D – focus on Toronto | Area “D” is called Northeastern Ontario; most of the greenhouses are found in the area surrounding the city of Toronto and towards Barrie. |
| 9 | 3 images of both potted plants and cut flowers | There is a great variety in the types of flowers and potted plants – over 1000 varieties of cut flowers and potted plants! |
| 10 | 2 images – cattle, then flowers | The top commodities of Ontario’s agriculture include dairy products, vegetables, cattle, and some crops; however, the floriculture industry is very significant both in term of the number of people employed and the value of the flowers and potted plants produced. |
| 11 | Map of Canada | As a province, Ontario has about half of all of the greenhouse production in Canada |
| 12 | Aerial view of greenhouses | The “footprint” of the greenhouse operations in Ontario alone can be expressed in a number of ways:   * 37 million square feet * 850 acres * 3.4 million square metres   Another way of looking at it – this is about the size of 600 football fields or soccer pitches.  That’s a large area “under glass” |
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| 14 | Four images of people working in the industry, ending with a receptionist | There are 7300 people employed by the floriculture industry in Ontario. Sales of cut flowers and potted plants amount to over $757 million; this money is generated in Ontario and goes to people living in Ontario and working in the greenhouse business. |
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