

2024/25 Marketing Report Ontario

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2025 Mational Plants of the Year

These exceptional varieties were selected for the 2025 season, and Proven Winners® will be dedicating marketing resources towards building excitement and significant consumer demand of these varieties throughout 2025. Our research has shown that plants selected to be a National Plant of the Year continue to see increased sales in the years following.



LEARN MORE



Supertunia Mini Vista® Yellow Petunia



Jack of Diamonds Heartleaf Brunnera



Heart to Heart® Blushing Bride
Caladium



Prismacolor™ Orange you Gorgeous™

Philodendron



Little Lime Punch® Panicle Hydrangea



Reminiscent® Coral Rosa

2025 NATIONAL RECIPES OF THE YEAR









Champagne Toast Ireland Vista View

Strawberry Stand

2024 Top Trial Plants

Hot topic plants at 2024 trials:



Supertunia Mini Vista® Plum Veined
Petunia



Supertunia Tiara® Blue Petunia



Stardiva® Blue Scaevola

Our Top Highlights of 2025

Curious to know what our top highlights will be in 2025? The lists below are all products that will be marketed to consumers through magazines, social media, and our ever-popular Gardener's Idea Book. Use these lists to help create an assortment consumers will be asking for!

TOP PLANTS OF THE 2025 GARDENER'S IDEA BOOK

- Angelface® Wedgewood Pink Angelonia
- Angelface® White Angelonia
- · Arch® Philadelphus
- El Niño® Chitalpa
- Illuminati Sparks™ Philadelphus
- Pillow Talk® Gardenia
- Reminiscent® Coral Rosa
- Scentara® Double Blue Syringa
- Señorita Rosalita® Cleome
- Simply Scentsational® Calycanthus
- Space Age[™] Black Hole[™] Begonia rex
- Spice Baby™ Viburnum
- · Spice Girl® Viburnum
- Steady As She Goes® Gardenia
- Sugartina® Clethra
- · Sweet Emotion® Abelia
- Sweet Romance® Lavandula
- Totally Tempted[™] Frosted Violets[™] Cuphea
- Totally Tempted™ Richly Red™ Cuphea
- Totally Tempted™ Vivid Violet™ Cuphea
- Tower[®] Philadelphus
- Vanilla Spice® Clethra
- 'Scentsation' Lonicera
- 'Sweet Summer Love' Clematis

2025 TOP PICKS

- Aromagica™ Purple Heliotopium
- Colorblaze® Mini Me™ Chartreuse Coleus
- Emerald Isle™ Aloscasia
- Mojave® Mango Portulaca
- Space Age[™] Europa[™] Begonia rex
- Stardiva™ Blue Scaevola
- Superbells[®] Double Smitten Pink[™] Coral Calibrachoa
- Superbells® Double Vintage™ Coral Calibrachoa
- Supertunia Tiara™ Blue Petunia
- Virtuoso™ Pinkerific™ Dahlia

PROVEN WINNERS® COLOR CHOICE® TOP PICKS

- Flavorette[™] Rosa entire series
- Let's Dance® Hydrangea macrophylla entire series
- Little Lime Punch® Hydrangea paniculata
- Perfecto Mundo® Rhododendron entire series
- · Reminiscent® Coral Rosa
- Scentara® Double Blue Syringa





VIEW THE FULL GARDENER'S IDEA BOOK LIST

10 Best-Selling Shrubs





Low Scape Mound® Aronia



Pugster Blue® Buddleia



Sprinter®
Buxus



Incrediball® Hydrangea arborescens



Limelight Prime® Hydrangea paniculata



Little Lime Punch® Hydrangea paniculata



Flavorette™ Honey Apricot

Rosa



Double Play Doozie®

Spiraea



Tater Tot® *Thuja*



North Pole® Thuja

Top Annuals Sold in Ontario

*Based on Online Sales



Bubblegum® Petunia



Supertunia® Royal Velvet® Petunia



Diamond Frost® Euphorbia



Supertunia® Bordeaux™ Petunia



Graceful Grasses® Prince Tut™ Cyperus



Supertunia Vista® Jazzberry® Petunia



Supertunia Mini Vista® White Petunia



Supertunia Mini Vista® Indigo Petunia



Supertunia Vista® Silverberry Petunia



Supertunia Vista® Snowdrift™ Petunia

Top Perennials Sold in Ontario



'Cat's Pajamas' Nepeta



Shadowland® 'Autumn Frost' Hosta



Shadowland® 'Empress Wu' Hosta



Amazing Daisies® 'Banana Cream II' Leucanthemum



'Denim 'n Lace' Perovskia



Dolce® 'Wildberry' Heuchera



Prairie Winds® 'Cheyenne Sky' Panicum



'Pink Profusion' Salvia



Sweet Romance® Lavandula



Primo® 'Black Pearl' Heuchera

Social Media

As of August 2024, our combined social media channels have achieved:



319M+
Total Impressions



16.1%
Total Audience Growth

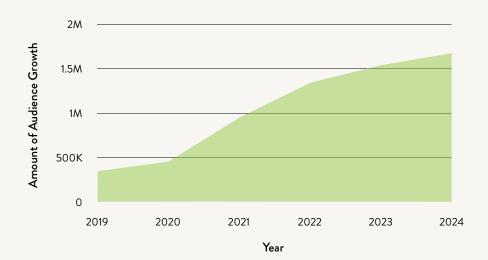


Average Engagement Rate (All Platforms)



37M+
Video Views

Total Audience Growth Since 2019:



Content Preators

Content creators are influencing millions of gardeners every day on TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube. We're proud to work with amazing social media stars who bring Proven Winners® plants and products in front of their audience and show them tips and tricks for planting, watering, fertilizing, pruning and more.

With more than 22 content creators across the US and Canada, our social media partners appeal to followers from the budding plant-lover all the way to the most experienced gardener. There's something for everyone from the rainy Northwest Pacific to the heat of Texas to the clay soils of the Mid-Atlantic.



Kamoya Analesia @gardenaddictz



Laura LeBoutillier

@GardenAnswer



Janey Santos

@DigPlantWaterRepeat

Online 9.4M

Visitors

On average, visitors spent approximately 4 minutes on our site - 3x longer than the national average!

Podcasts 109,853

Unique Listeners

Available to stream online, Gardening Simplified saw a 177% increase in listeners in 2024 plus has over 2.4M views on YouTube.



SCAN TO LISTEN!

Billboards 111.9M+

Impressions

Our billboard campaign covers 18 Canadian cities with 100% digital boards including French-specific boards in Quebec.





Broadcast & Streaming Media 19.2M

Impressions

Through geo-targeting, Proven Winners® is reaching consumers on their devices with digital, video and audio advertisements. In 2024, we ran campaigns targeting Canadian provinces and territories along with French-specific videos and digital ads.









Consumer Print Ads

44,000+

Subscribers



FIND ADS FEATURED IN THESE PUBLICATIONS WITH OVER 44,000 SUBSCRIBERS

- Better Homes & Gardens
- · Birds & Blooms
- Canadian Living
- Country Living
- Fine Gardening
- HGTV Magazine
- Veranda

The Gardener's Idea Book

Part of Connect+? Order by January 10, 2025 to have the Gardener's Idea Book personalized with your garden center's logo!



36,791 copies distributed nationally

18,044 distributed in Ontario



ORDER NOW

Connect+ Marketing

Connect+ helps simplify marketing for over 1,600 independent garden centers.

By providing 350+ social posts, Connect+ has helped garden centers increase impressions and engagements while reducing the time needed to create social media campaigns-allowing you to spend more time in the garden center with your customers.

In just one quarter alone, social media posts created by our team have led to an 87% increase in impressions and a 27% increase in engagements. Scan the QR code to learn more and start growing your social media presence today!



LEARN MORE







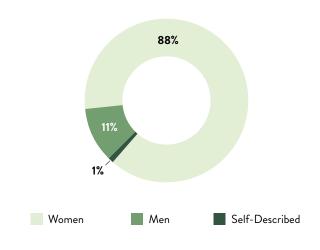
Consumer Garden Insights

Key takeaways from 2024 August Survey Total Respondents: 7,469

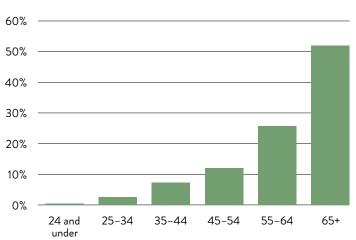
For more information on results, contact:

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RESPONDENT GENDER IDENTITY



RESPONDENT AGES



GARDEN CENTERS VISITED

68% visited 2-5 garden centers and 24% visited 5 or more. When asked why they visited more than 5 garden centers, respondents explained that they do so for fun and inspiration, to find specific plants and to find the best prices.











DISTANCE TRAVELED

Most respondents are visiting garden centers within 25 miles of their home, but nearly 18% are willing to drive 25-50 miles to find a specific variety with 10% traveling over 50 miles.



WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO A GARDENER WHEN THEY'RE SHOPPING

When asked to rank a list of considerations when plant shopping, consumers told us that plant health is top of mind and more important to them than cost.









Plant Health

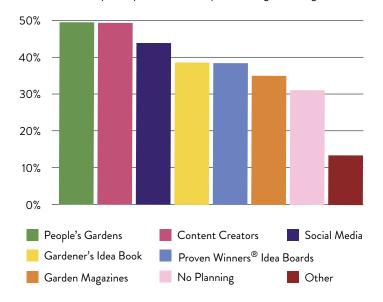
Specific Colors

Plants They Recognize

Cost

WHAT INSPIRES THEM

For respondents aged 25-44, friends' and neighbors' gardens were their top source of inspiration followed by content creators and social media. Those 45+ are more likely to rely on their own expertise and garden magazines.



TOP CHALLENGES FOR GARDENERS







Finding a Pests & Vermin Specific Variety





Marketing

In 2024, we aligned leafjoy's consumer marketing through seasonal campaigns across video and audio ads, social media, and Google ads. These efforts resulted in 20M+ impressions and featured a call-to-action directing consumers to visit their local garden center.

By 2025, we aim to develop social media platforms specifically for leafjoy to provide houseplant enthusiasts with more leafjoy content.



Social Media

Over 40 social posts garnered an average 7.8% engagement rate. Here are just a few of our best-performing ones:

