
IR-4 ORNAMENTALS PROGRAM

New Pesticide Registrations for Ornamentals Supported by IR-4

Since the last Newsletter four new ornamental use registrations have been obtained:
Cinnamaldehyde - Roses in greenhouse ground beds, and containers
Thiophanate Methyl - Begonias in greenhouse beds, and containers

IR-4 Ornamentals Workshop for 2000

The Ornamentals Workshop will be held during the week of October 2-6, 2000 in Lake County, Ohio.

- The entomologists will meet on Monday, October 2nd.
- The plant pathologists will meet on Tuesday, October 3rd.
- There will be a tour of the growing industry on Wednesday, October 4th.

- The weed scientists and plant growth regulator researchers will meet on Thursday, October 5th.
- Tour of The Ohio State University OARDC and USDA-ARS at Wooster, Ohio on Friday, October 6th.

We hope that in addition to the Blue Ribbon state and federal researchers and the extension agents, we will have a group of nursery and floral crop growers in attendance. We also hope all agricultural companies who cooperate with the IR-4 program will send their T&O representatives.

Article by J. Ray Frank

Ornamental Use Presentations: First Quarter 2000

For January 4-5, 2000, I attended the Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS) meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. Paper entitled IR-4 Ornamental Research Progress for 1999 was presented.

For January 10 and 11, I was invited to speak in Randolph, New Jersey in two separate Rutgers Cooperative Extension meetings to explain to turf growers and workers and then to those who grow or maintain trees about how the IR-4 Ornamentals Program can help these important environmental plant growing areas (over 200 attendees).

For February 16, 2000, I was invited to provide a similar program to a group of bedding plant growers in Clifton, New Jersey (approximately 80 attendees).

For February 19-22, 2000, I was invited to the Society of American Florists (SAF) 16th Conference on Insect and Disease Management in San Jose, California to present a paper entitled The IR-4 Ornamental Research Program for 1999. Over 240 floral crop growers, researchers and agricultural chemical company representatives attended.

I provided data, updated report cards and progress slides about the IR-4 Ornamentals Program for use in the American Nursery and Landscape Associations (ANLA) Presentation Seminar at EPA on March 7, 2000. This program was designed to inform EPA personnel about the needs of the nursery industry and the part played by the IR-4 Ornamentals Program and how we help in the production of environmental plants (approximately 40 attendees).

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Congratulations to Ray Frank

Ray was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Northeastern Weed Science Society of America at their Annual Meeting in January, 2000.