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More horticulture under glass

According to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands Dutch horticulture under glass is still growing: 3% from April 2000 on April 1999. In total almost 11 thousand hectares of horticultural area is covered by greenhouses, 11% more than 10 years ago.

The situation in horticulture in the open is quite different. Here the area fell by 5% to just over 100 thousand hectares. This brings years of increases to an end.

Peppers replace tomatoes

Peppers (paprikas) have replaced tomatoes as the most popular horticultural vegetable crop under glass. The area used for growing paprikas increased this last year to over 1200 hectares. The total surface of vegetables under glass is 4350 hectares.

The area used for growing flowers under glass increased by 3%. Of the area of more than 6 thousand hectares, 63% is used for cut flowers and more than 20% for potted plants. Almost half of the cut-flower area is used for growing roses and chrysanthemums. Growing carnations fell by 14%, making it the only cut flower with a growing area that decreased in the last year. Twenty years ago the carnation still was the third most popular cut flower crop.

Decrease of vegetable growing in the open

Compared to 1999 there has been a substantial decrease in growing vegetables in the open, with a 12% drop in area. All vegetables except salad and broccoli fell. The poor financial results seem to have effected the plans of vegetable growers.

Fewer apple trees

Apples have yielded low prices in recent years. The area for growing apples dropped by 8% in one year. There was a slight increase in growing pears. The cutback in apple growing also has its repercussions for tree growing, where there was a 9% drop in the area of fruit tree nurseries. The area of other tree nursery products increased to a point that there was an overall increase of 3% in the total tree nursery area.

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Growing flower bulbs

The area used for growing flower bulbs increased by 400 hectares last year. This means that the area used for growing flower bulbs saw an increase of more than 40% in ten years time. The province of North Holland has had the largest area for twenty years, while South Holland, which has been second for years seems to be losing its position to Flevoland in the near future.

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Horticulture under glass by province, in hectares

Tuinbouw onder glas per provincie

	1990	1995	1999	2000 *
Groningen	68	65	68	76
Friesland	51	55	67	69
Drenthe	173	221	253	271
Overijssel	60	76	96	104
Flevoland	78	104	147	179
Gelderland	550	621	665	696
Utrecht	217	216	201	203
N Holland	998	1 015	1 058	1 077
S Holland	6 017	6 050	6 053	6 174
Zeeland	73	67	81	86
N-Brabant	792	919	1 067	1 119
Limburg	693	745	805	830
Netherlands	9 769	10 154	10 561	10 884

*) preliminary results/Voorlopige uitkomsten