

# Fact Sheet: Greenhouse, Nursery & Sod

- Alabama's green industry, which includes nursery, greenhouse, turfgrass, sod, lawn and landscaping operations, contributes almost \$2.9 billion annually to Alabama's economy.
- The industry provides jobs for more than 43,000 Alabamians.



- Turfgrass sod helps control pollution, trapping an estimated 12 million tons of dust and dirt released annually into the U.S. atmosphere.
- Sod increases a home's property value by 15 to 20 percent.
- Popular landscaping plants in Alabama include roses, hydrangeas, azaleas, crepe myrtles and hibiscus.
- The number of greenhouse-grown vegetable acres in the world increased by 14 percent from 2015 to 2016.
- Benefits of greenhouse-growing include year-round availability, product consistency, shorter time from plant to store, and reduced emissions and fuel costs for transportation.
- Alabama ranks third in the U.S. in sod production, with approximately 18,000 acres of sod.
- In 2010, greenhouse, nursery and sod sales in Alabama were over \$238 million and accounted for 5.1 percent of all agricultural commodity sales.
- The greenhouse, nursery and floriculture industry is Alabama's fourth-largest agriculture sector.
- The primary grass variety in Alabama is Bermudagrass, while bahiagrass, Bluegrass, centipedegrass, St. Augustine, ryegrass, tall fescue and zoysiagrass are also common.
- The U.S. green industry generates more than 2 million jobs and \$196 billion in annual revenue.
- Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture operations account for 2.5 percent of all U.S. farms and employ 4.9 percent of hired farm workers.

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