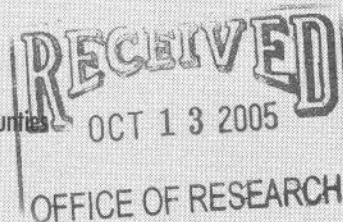




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The purpose of this letter is to briefly introduce myself as the Ohio State University Extension Floriculture Program Manager for the northwest Ohio region. I am excited to join a premier group of horticulture and agriculture experts at the Green Industry Center affiliated with the Agricultural Business Enhancement Center located in Bowling Green, Ohio. The mission of the Green Industry Center is to deliver research-based solutions to meet the challenges of horticultural businesses.

As a former member of the floriculture research program at Michigan State University, I have over ten years experience with solving production-related issues of floriculture crops including traditional potted plants, annuals, specialty vegetative crops, as well as herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses. Throughout this time, I have enjoyed interacting with growers, university researchers and students of all ages. I certainly look forward to utilizing my knowledge as well as acquiring new knowledge and skill sets in the coming months to provide marketing, business and horticultural support to directly benefit growers in northwest Ohio.

One of my first goals as Floriculture Program Manager is to become familiar with key industry and extension personnel as well as university researchers involved in addressing grower needs and concerns. It is my hope that we will have an opportunity to personally meet in the coming weeks and cooperatively assist growers with their immediate and long-term needs.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at the following address, by email or by phone Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 pm. I can also be reached out-of-the office by email or cell phone at (517) 974-9034.

Sincerely,

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