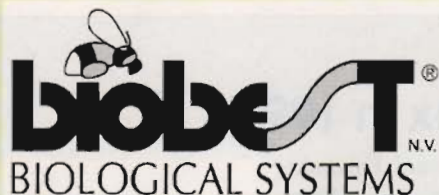


International News



Biobest Antalya Joint Venture

Biobest of Westerlo, Belgium, a specialist in biological pollination and crop protection, and Antilsan of Antalya, Turkey, a supplier of horticultural products, have established a joint-venture company called Biobest Antalya.

The company will produce bumblebees for the biological pollination of crops, and sell them on the Turkish market. They will also work on developing the market and work for the registration of biopesticides in Turkey. Biobest Antalya will also produce several beneficial insects to be sold in Turkey and to be distributed worldwide through the Biobest network.

New directors of the company are Hassan Sever and Dr. Roel De Jonghe. The production site will be located at Antalya, Turkey. ■



Flower Auction Website Expanded

The Aalsmeer Flower Auction's (VBA) Internet website has been expanded with the addition of the Aalsmeer Index, a market tendency index for plants and flowers. Updated every working day, the Aalsmeer Index presents the current market and pricing situation based on a number of indicator products for flowers, greenery, and flowering plants. In addition, the results of four weeks, including the current week, are compared with the results of the same period of the previous year. The Aalsmeer Flower Auction website, which is presented in both English and German, was visited more than 500,000 times in the late spring months. The address is www.vba-aalsmeer.nl. ■

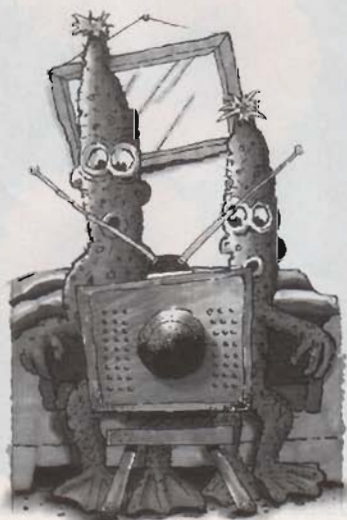
Foremost Foliage Announces Changes

ForemostCo of Miami, Florida, United States, formerly Foremost Foliage Inc., has announced expansion of its product lines to include landscape, ornamentals, and flowering products. The name change is representative of the company's expansion.

ForemostCo has entered into a strategic partnership with the German-based Dummert USA to market that firm's Red Fox line of poinsettias, geraniums, New Guinea impatiens, and trailing petunias. According to the company, Red Fox products hold a commanding position in the European market today, and are being well received in the USA and Canada.

ForemostCo is also introducing a number of new proprietary varieties including Spath Cupido and other varieties of spathiphyllum in conjunction with the Dutch-based KP Holland, as well as the Dibley's series of streptocarpus from the Welsh firm Dibley's. ■

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