Production Greenhouses

The Production Section staff at the Smithsonian Gardens’ Greenhouses cultivates annual and perennial plants as well as rare and unusual plants. They supply whatever plants are needed by the horticulturists who care for the Smithsonian gardens, landscapes and interiors. These plants are produced from seeds, plugs and rooted cuttings or propagated from existing stock plants. Every year the Production Section provides more than 100,000 annual bedding plants, 200 hanging baskets, and 2,000 poinsettias. Staff also collaborates with planners of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival to grow plants that illustrate the cultural, culinary, or agricultural aspects of the featured participants.