

Constant Water Level In Winter

All growers who started using the constant water level during the past summer have reported great success with it but now are concerned about what will happen in winter with the low rate of evaporation from plants and soil.

Since you came through the spring and summer without trouble, my troubles are over. Keep the water level at the same point all winter as you did during summer. In winter the temperature is lower and the respiration of the soil is at a slower rate. Less oxygen is necessary in the soil than during the hot days of summer and your plants will continue as they have.

Don't let your previous ideas of running plants dry in winter interfere with your success on your constant water level benches. Keep a close check on fertilizer levels and the watering will take care of itself.

The article on cutting back in this issue, page 2, will help you to determine your procedure from now on. Cut them back gradually; or if you must cut back all at once, Don't dry them off. Leave the water level constant.

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