

Forcing of Tulips and Hyacinths

In 1968, some 60,000 tulips and hyacinths were forced under 50 different experimental conditions. This total included 150 different cultivars of tulips and 35 different cultivars of hyacinths.

These studies can be divided into several classes

of experiments. The principal areas of research have dealt with: (1) the use of a rooting room (controlled temperature storage) for flowering; (2) the evaluation of "Propolite," a product of Tufflite Plastics, Inc., Ballston Spa, N.Y., as a cover for bulb crops in a cold frame; (3) the evaluation of tulips for use as either cut flowers or pot plants; and (4) post-harvest studies on the keeping quality of the various cultivars of tulips.

Information on the results of the past three years of research can be found in the "Bulb Forcers Handbook," which can be obtained from either the Department of Horticulture at Michigan State University or the Netherland Flower-Bulb Institute, 29 Broadway, New York, N. Y. - A. A. De Hertogh, W. H. Carlson and L. Aung, MSU Hort. Rept., Spring 1968.