

I. INTRODUCTION

In order to grow a crop of lilies successfully the grower has to rely pretty largely upon his own experience. However, we suggest several cultural details and prepare a schedule based on several years' experience to guide the grower to get in his crop in time for Easter. At the present time we do not have the results of research to guide the program for lilies as has been given for such crops as the poinsettia or the chrysanthemum.

Variability in a crop of lilies may depend upon several factors: Growing conditions in the field vary from one place to another; the type of weather for summer growing may have been different over the previous year; temperature and moisture prevailing during the storage period plays a very important role; and then there is variability from year to year of the amount of light that this crop receives at the greenhouse.