
More on Scorch of Croft Lilies

This problem has been kicked around quite a bit in the past several years. When your editor visited with the Northwest Florists Association in Spokane this fall he had the pleasure of discussing greenhouse problems with Prof. Stanley Wadsworth of Oregon State College. Stan and his staff are working hard on the Croft Lily problem.

His results indicate that an excess of either aluminium or manganese in the forcing soil may cause scorch. These elements may become toxic if the soil is quite acid. They have been able to correct scorch by liming the soil before potting the bulbs. They have produced scorch by acidifying the potting soil.

Even though these causes are not definitely pinned down, it will pay lily forcers to select a soil with a pH of 6.5 or higher. If this soil is not available, limestone should be added.

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