

SNAPDRAGON SHATTERING

In the Michigan Florist No. 243, Mel Schumann listed shattering and non-shattering varieties of snapdragon on the basis of tests made by placing the spikes under bell jars with apples. His results bear out the observations and experiences of commercial growers.

Schumann found the following varieties to be good holders of their florets: Jungleground White, Jungleground Lemon, Armstrong's White, Mary Ellen, Cheviot 33, Peggy Schumann, Windmiller's Lilac, and White One. Other varieties and hybrids which he tested shattered consistently.

Howard Applegate, our graduate student who is working with snapdragons, has been studying the method of inheritance of double flowers during the past two years. He has some very promising fertile double and semidouble snaps that are non-shattering. None of his material is ready to go commercially, but this line of breeding could prove very beneficial to the snapdragon growers.

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