

TASK TIMES FOR CUT FLOWERS

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1. A comparison was made between harvesting spray carnations on wide and normal beds. No differences in labour requirements were demonstrated by this comparison.

2. An important activity in growing standard carnations is the disbudding. In recent years cultivars are introduced on the market which have a significantly lower number of buds than the standard assortment. With regard to this, data were collected on a number of new cultivars.

3. Data with respect to alternative supply, grading, and

packing method of roses were made up to date. It appeared that there are a number of ways to make the processing of roses (grading, packing, etc.) cheaper than is done now. These systems however influence the presentation of the product.

Also a few alternative harvesting systems of roses were analysed such as allowing to leave off flowering, no harvest on Sundays, etc. These systems offer hardly any or no perspective because they adversely affect the yield.