

WHY "BETTER TIMES" ARE GRADED AS WORKS
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During the 1949-1950 cutting period, slightly over ten per cent of a cut of 22,000 Better Times Roses were graded as works. Beginning with the October 21 cut, the work roses were described as they were graded. The following table gives the number of works as they occurred from various causes.

Description	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sub- Total	% of Total
Short		8	6	7	4	7	11	18	13	74	4.1
Weak	1	6	1	11	3	8	5	16	42	92	5.1
Crooked	2	28	10	9	10	17	9	46	137	266	14.8
Off Color		33	18	62	33	23	11	19	7	206	11.4
Stuck Petals		5	19	37	17	18	11	17	20	144	8.0
Fatheads	2	47	0	8	4	1	10	10	1	81	4.5
Crippled	53	313	38	71	37	17	128	129	175	908	50.4
Misc.		1	4	0	0	10	2	6	8	31	1.7
Total										1802	100

Except for the June cut, most of the crooked roses were due to the familiar malformed type of growth in which the stem just beneath the head is constricted on one side.

Most of the roses with stuck petals were off color also. This stuck condition seemed to occur when humidity was lowest, either in cold or windy weather.

"Fatheads" having up to double the normal number of petals occurred mostly on medium sized to weak stems. The petals of some of these were stuck.

Included with cripples were those with two or more centers and those malformed from uneven development.