



# Ornamentals Short Course Workshops

## ISSUE



Stakeholders in gardens, agribusinesses, or landscapes observe plants in decline.



- ◆ Diseases and pests can impact income due to low quality plants and expenses for management.
- ◆ Plants are affected by pathogens, insect pests and environmental/cultural stresses.



Education and management recommendations are needed to help recognize beneficial insects and predators and reduce pesticide use.

## RESPONSE

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**Pest Walks** offered in Sussex County and New Castle County as part of the UD Cooperative Extension Ornamentals Short Course Workshops.



Attendees indicated their participation was due to proximity, interest in topics and for pesticide credits.



### Discussion of issues:

- ◆ Show examples of plant diseases and arthropods in landscape settings
- ◆ Learn to recognize and remember type diseases, beneficial insects and insect pests

## IMPACT



**26%**  
of attendees would scout more often



**47%**  
of attendees would change their integrated pest management practices



**80%**  
of attendees indicated they learned something



**13%**  
of attendees would spray less



**22%**  
of attendees would explore the idea of beneficial insects