



Cut-Flower & Nursery Availability & Storage Conditions

DPIFM Darwin

The Northern Territory has a large and expanding cut-flower and nursery industry.

From the northern tropical region of the Northern Territory come the stunning heliconias, gingers and orchids, available in a wide array of colours and distinctive forms.

The central region of the Northern Territory is known for its kangaroo paw, geraldton wax and gypsophila, which at present are not grown commercially.

The majority of the nursery industry's production is in quality palms and cycads with a wide range of landscaping plants suitable for arid to tropical conditions.

Cut-flower and nursery products are sent to domestic markets as well as overseas, including many parts of Asia.

High produce quality due to favourable climatic conditions, together with the maintenance of a disease-free status, ensure the Northern Territory's cut-flower and nursery industry has a bright future.



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Product	Industry Profile	Months Available												Vase Life (days)	Optimum Storage Temp °C	Relative Humidity %	Region Grown
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D				
Cycads	Existing													-	-	-	Katherine
Geraldton Wax *	Some Scope													7-14	1-2°	Dry	Alice Springs
Gerbera	Existing													14	13-16°	90-95	Darwin
Gingers – Alpinia	Existing													10-14	13-16°	90-95	Darwin
Gingers - Beehive	Existing													10-14	13-16°	90-95	Darwin
Gingers – Torch	Existing													10-14	13-16°	90-95	Darwin
Gypsophlia *	Some Scope													7	0-4.5°	98%	Alice Springs
Heliconia	Existing													10-14	13-16°	90-95	Darwin
Kangaroo Paw *	Some Scope													7-14	1-2°	Dry	Alice Springs
Orchids	Existing													14	13-16°	90-95	Darwin
Palms	Existing													-	-	-	Darwin

* Potential, not currently grown commercially