

KY GROWN CUT FLOWER GUIDE



LEARN MORE ABOUT LOCAL GROWERS &
WHERE TO FIND THEM

WHAT'S IN SEASON



Marigold



Sunflower



Lisianthus



Celosia



Alstroemeria



Strawflower



Sedum



Zinnia



Check out social media for up-to-date blooms being harvested in your area! Variety can change day-to-day and week-to-week based on weather, rainfall, and temperatures. Find a grower near you on the [KY Grown Cut Flower Directory](#) and see what they're harvesting this month.

BENEFITS OF LOCAL



Local flowers are usually cut the morning you purchase them. Without the lengthy travel to your vase, they **stay fresh & last much longer.**



KY Farms grow **unique blooms**. Since local flowers don't travel far distances, growers are able to grow more delicate varieties. Blooms such as celosia, zinnias, and cosmos don't ship well, but are gorgeous from KY farms.

Supporting local means supporting farmers & your community. Purchasing from KY growers keeps \$\$\$ within the state and keeps growers in business.



Save the bees! By purchasing from KY flower farms, you're helping pollinators, such as bees & other insects, thrive and do their job--pollinate!

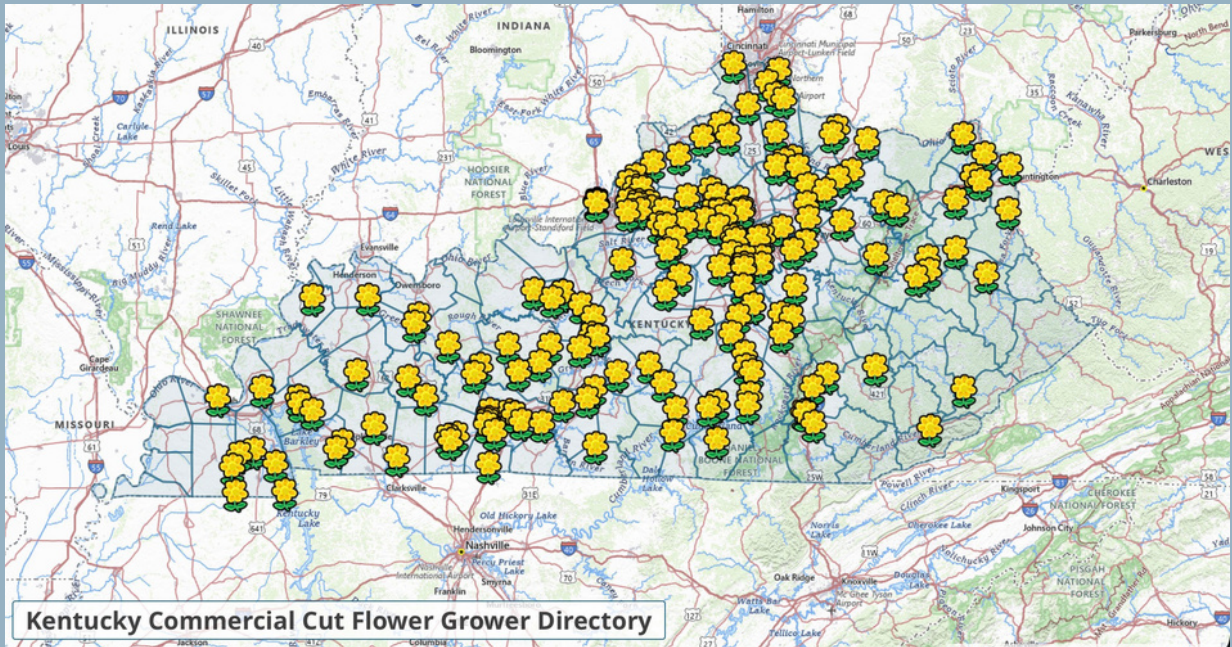
Did you know that anywhere from 75-90% of all flowering plants need pollinators? No bees = no farm fresh tomatoes, watermelon, or **FLOWERS!**



FINDING LOCAL BLOOMS



Check your county on the KY Grown Cut Flower Directory. Provided by the University of Kentucky's Center for Crop Diversification, this interactive map has over 100+ growers listed all across the state. Each entry includes the grower's farm name, sales outlets (farm stands, CSA, etc.), social media links, and contact email. Start by finding a grower in your area & then explore how you can purchase their blooms!



Explore your local farmers market. Farmers markets are good for more than just food! These days many across the state have at least one cut flower grower. With nearly one market in every county & upwards of 170 markets across the state, try out one in your county and see if any cut flower growers are selling their blooms.



Visit a cut flower hub. Kentucky currently has TWO hubs within the state--Kentucky Flower Market in Frankfort and SOKY Floral Exchange in Bowling Green. Customers can source local, in-season blooms from over dozens of farms and know that they were cut hours before. Both hubs sell to wholesale clients and retail to the public.

CUT FLOWER CARE

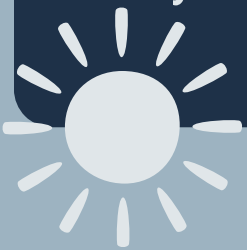


Trim stems at a 45 degree angle with a sharp knife or scissors to increase water absorption.



Replace vase water and trim stems ***every day!***

Keep blooms out of direct sunlight & away from ripening fruit to increase longevity.



Feed your blooms!
Commercial or
homemade →
preservatives keep
your flowers fresh.



Homemade Flower Preservative

- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon household bleach
- 2 teaspoons lemon or lime juice
- 1 quart lukewarm water

Link: https://www.bbg.org/article/cut-flower_care