

It is estimated that 90% of all perennial-nurseries are located in the north of Belgium, better known as Flanders. These large assortment-nurseries have formed the Belgian Perennial Plant Association a long time ago. These nurseries grow a range of 2000 to 3000+ different species of different perennials. Nowhere in Europe you will be able to find places where you can buy such a variety of plants in such large numbers.

Unique to these nurseries are their yearly catalogs and their extensive websites.

Also, the infrastructure of these nurseries are good to excellent. The fields with plants in containers can almost always be reached by paved paths and paved roads.

The harsh winter of 2011-2012 did a lot of damage to gardens and nurseries. Many nurseries were completely sold out, which was a good thing for the perennial business.

The autumn 2012 has its ups-and-downs regarding sales, but there are no complaints and work carries on as usual.

Trends:

1. Under light pressure of the Flemish environmental boards, nurseries are persuaded to take invasive plants out of their range. ([www.alterias.be](http://www.alterias.be))
2. The environmental laws will become more strictly in 2014. Each nursery will need a license for fumigation.
3. With taxes and salaries rising, the pressure is high for every kind of business. Hopefully, national and international governments will realize that this is not the right way and will take steps towards the future making it easier for companies to stay afloat.

Expectations:

We think the world of perennials is very interesting with never ending possibilities and will therefore stay lucrative. :-)

