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What's Growing On in Summer?

We want to show you a little behind the scenes of our summer here at Sipkens.

Cuttings, seeding and perennial field divisions take up a good chunk of our summertime work.



Taking Cuttings

We take cuttings from many stock plants.

We stick them into a special soil mix and rooting hormone to begin growing. These perennial crops will be ready for spring 2025 sales.

In total over **70,000 cuttings** are needed for next years program.



Seeding

Seeding happens throughout the summertime.

Two methods are utilized, hand seeding or by machine.

Germination is an amazing process to watch!

In total, around **630,000 seeds** are needed for next years program!



Did You Know?

We take cuttings from a huge variety of plants like vines, fruits, herbs, flowering perennials, tropicals, shrubs and trees.

Some of our tree/shrub/evergreen crops take 5+ years of growing before they hit the sales floor.



Perennial Field Divisions

Loads of perennials are growing in our fields
and in our shade structure.

A huge summer task is hoeing the field to keep the
weeds at bay so they can grow to their full potential.

When the perennials are ready, they are dug out, split, and then repotted for 2026!



What are Kailey and Samantha working on?



Could it be a new outdoor display in the stone yard!

What's Growing in the front field?

Sunflowers have a unique behavior of following the sun's movement, a phenomenon called heliotropism. Before they start producing seeds, young sunflowers will follow the sun from east to west during the day, turning their heads to track the sun's movement and maximize their exposure to sunlight.





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