

Firm wins sales award



Agri-Equipment, Inc., R4, Ephrata, received a President's Award during Chore-Time Equipment's annual sales meeting in South Bend, Indiana. The award was presented to distributors who had sales of between \$1 million and \$2 million. Receiving the award from Chore-Time Senior Vice President Forrest Ramser, center, were (from left), Leon E. Martin and Clydeth Buch.

Chore Time manufacturers automated equipment for the care and feeding of poultry and livestock and has world-wide distribution from its plants in Milford, Indiana; Athens, Georgia; Decatur, Alabama; and Maldegem, Belgium.

A Christmas favorite: a potted poinsettia

MEDIA — New variations of an old Christmas theme, the poinsettia, will be in many homes and offices this year. Most of the new varieties hold up extremely well after they reach the home or office, but on occasion, says James J. McKeehen, Delaware County Extension Agricultural Agent, the red "flowers," or bracts, and the leaves will last until April or May.

New poinsettia varieties have been developed by several commercial companies and are now in local florist shops. The widely-grown variety Annette Hegg which has a red flower, has excellent keeping qualities. Eckespoint-C-1 has large red bracts and is often grown in large pots and tubs.

Several new varieties in pink, white, and red are available in quantity. Poinsettias fall into two

general types, branches and unbranched. Florists produce branching by removing the growing tip early in the season, thus causing the development of sideshoots. The result is two or more "flowers" on the same plant, usually with smaller bracts than those of the unbranched plant.

Several branched plants usually are planted together in a single pot to form the typical Christmas specimen. Unbranched plants have only one "flower," but are grouped together in the same way.

For a more informal appearing plant, select a pot of branched plants, which are very regular in growth and have large bracts in proportion to their size.

When selecting a poinsettia, look for large symmetrical bracts and stems that are covered with dark green leaves. Other popular Christmas potted plants are azalea, cyclamen, chrysanthemum, begonia, Christmas pepper, Jerusalem cherry, and Kalanchoe. However, the poinsettia is the most popular Christmas plant.



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