

Why join?

- For information on which plants you can propagate
- To have your Plant Breeders' Rights responsibilities explained in easy terms
- So royalty reporting can be done through one agency
- To get information on new plants
- Because we are transparent—you can see the published rates which other growers pay, and review the common breeders' licenses
- Because we can help set up a meeting if you have a problem with a particular breeder
- Because breeders working through COPF have to give at least 6 months notice of increases in royalty rates.
- So your company's credibility in royalty reporting can be verified by a third party
- To help fund more new plant development
- To gain access to certain varieties
- To get the latest information on which plants have PBR in Canada



All members complete a one-page application form and sign a contractual agreement.

The agreements outline COPF's role as a collection and information agency. They also define the producer's responsibilities and rights in selling the breeders "inventions" - the newest and best plants on the market.

Be among those growing the newest and best plants on the market

Join COPF today!

Mission Statement:

"To encourage new plant development by strengthening relations between growers and breeders for the benefit of the horticulture industry."



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Can you Propagate?



Who Belongs?

COPF serves the interests of plant breeders, growers, propagators, research scientists, and botanical gardens by helping to provide a financial base for plant breeding.

COPF enjoys a high level of cooperation from growers of both floral and nursery crops. COPF serves 550 members across Canada, 75 in the U.S. and 35 in eight overseas countries. The amount of royalties grower members pay to support the work of breeders is impressive. In 2005 nearly \$2 million in royalties were collected.

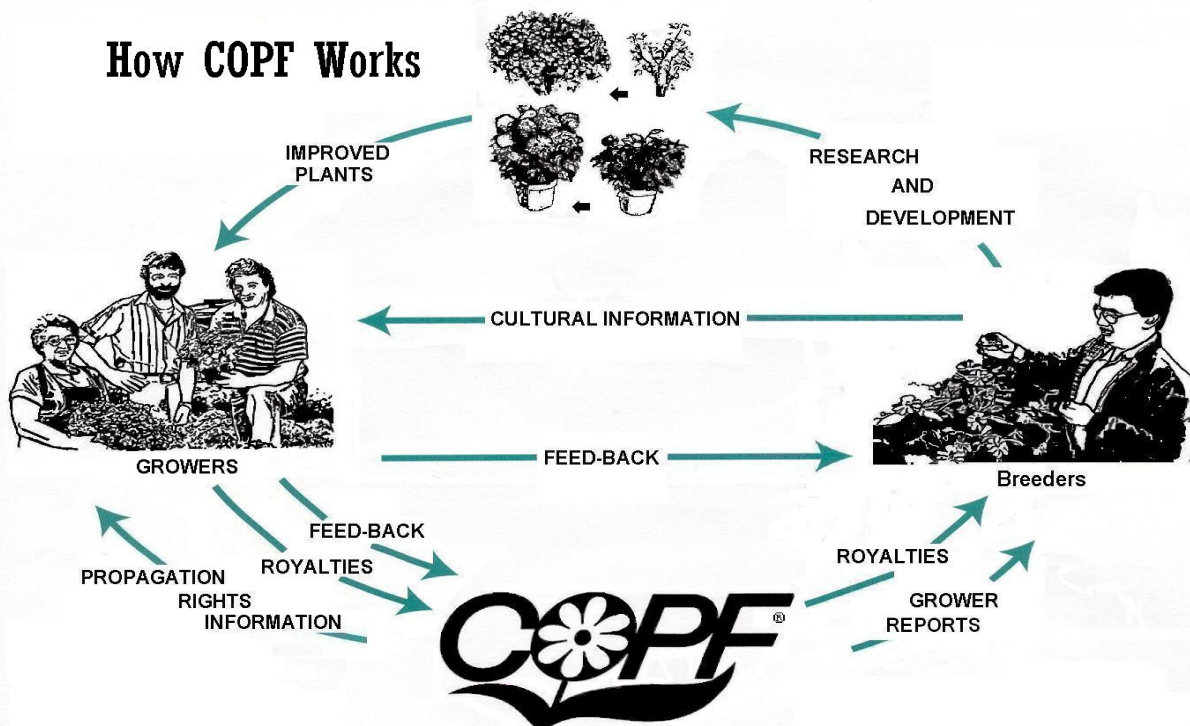
What kind of Plants?

Members currently report on more than 2,600 COPF registered plants. Among woody ornamentals, ***Buxus* 'Green Velvet'**, ***Spiraea x japonica* 'Goldmound'**, and ***Physocarpus* 'Monlo' Diabolo™** are our top three cultivars. Trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials and roses are the plant groups included on our list.

Floral crops which generate income for plant breeders are chrysanthemum, mini rose, poinsettia, geranium, kalanchoe, osteospermum, dahlia, petunia, specialty annuals, and impatiens. Your COPF membership ensures that you are among the first to be informed about the newest plant introductions and plant royalties. The COPF office will provide you with plant sources and descriptions.

How does the System Work?

The COPF office sends royalty reports on a regular basis. These reports list COPF registered plants and the royalty rates per cutting. Members report on the number of cuttings or other propagule, or on sales made for each cultivar. These quantities multiplied by the royalty rate determine the total royalty owing. Members return the royalty report with their cheque to the COPF office. When members have no sales or propagation to report, they return their report marked "no propagation" to confirm their status.



Funds collected in trust for breeders are held until the end of the quarter. COPF retains 15% of the total amount earned by each plant to cover administrative costs. The balance is distributed to the breeders.

