

At a recent American Society of Plastics and Greenhouse Conference in Tucson, AZ, after seeing a 10,000 strawberry plant greenhouse with a Verti-Gro system:

"Good show, very impressive!" Retired Professor from Cornell University

"This is something to get excited about!" Extension Educator in Maryland

"I want to display one of your vertical gardens in our upcoming open house." Research Extension Professor at the U. of New Hampshire

"This system has to replace certain types of conventional agriculture!" Conference attendee

"Just think what you could do in a larger greenhouse with better environmental control!" Grower in California

"This was a pleasant surprise. The most exciting part of the greenhouse tour!" Conference attendee on the tour.

"The Verti-Gro system will make many hydroponic systems obsolete!" Hydroponic distributor from Canada

"Just think what this system will do for the 'U Pick' operations in the East!" Conference attendee

And from the owner of the greenhouse:

"I made many mistakes, but I am very excited. I have put very little effort into it but it has great potential! I sell for \$24.00 per flat (\$2.00/pint) and my cost is minimal. No labor, no packaging, so shipping, and very few losses. I want to sell hobby units and expand into lettuce and herbs!"

Comments from other growers and researchers:

"I can't wait for the next season to apply all I have learned this year. I'm turning away too many customers!" Grower in Florida with a 28,000 plant 'U Pick' operation

"I want to put up 'Pick Your Own' operations all over Florida, in fact, all over the U.S.!" Customer

"This is my second year growing outdoors with Verti-Gro. Last year I wasn't convinced- this year I am! I am going to expand as soon as possible" Grower in Florida

"The vertical growing system is one of the most practical and economical hydroponic growing systems we have ever tested in our 17 year history. That's why we chose to put it on display in our greenhouse!" Nutritionist at Epcot- "Living with the Land"

“So far I have produced 5 times as many Ivy cuttings as previously in our standard hanging basket system.”
Foliage plant grower in Apopka

“I have never seen a fern tree like that! It’s got to be eight feet tall and four feet across? I want to grow them that way commercially!” Boston fern grower in Apopka

“I have been growing New Guinea impatiens all my life and I’ve never seen a tower of flowering impatiens like that.” Visitor to our Epcot Flower and Garden display

“I wish I had thought of that, it’s so simple and so practical!” Nurseryman at the Florida Nurseryman’s Association show in Orlando

*“I am going to change my whole basil production system to **Verti-Gro!**”* Herb grower in Florida

“I had to see it to believe it. Do you realize what you have here?!” Tomato grower in south Florida

“The ladies fight over our strawberries at the market. We sell out in 2 hours every Saturday morning!” Grower in Iowa

“We now use straight organic coconut fiber for all our strawberries. The taste is incredible!” Grower in Montana

“Tim, you have to come see my strawberry plants in your vertical growing system, and bring your camera!”
Grower in Texas

“Your portable garden idea for reselling strawberry plants is a super idea. This will help us realize much more profit and we can use the idea for other plants as well.” Grower in North Carolina

“What a fantastic idea! It will change the way we grow lettuce and strawberries in the Middle East. When I saw the article in the American Vegetable Grower I said it had to be Tim Carpenter to come up with this type of product!” Grower in the United Arab Emirates

These types of comment are common when hobbyists, researchers and commercial growers see the vertical growing system for the first time. One school teacher commented that *“this has to be the system for teaching purposes”*.

A commercial lettuce and tomato grower said *“I have tried every system for lettuce and herbs—this beats them all. It is so easy to set up and costs less than any other system I’ve tried. I now grow over a dozen different types of lettuce and herbs in the same greenhouse. I can harvest one stack or 10 stacks at a time!”*

From a researcher at the USDA lab in West Virginia, *“the vertical growing system works very well for filtering trout effluent while supplying an organic nutrient for strawberries, lettuce and herbs!”*

“The above types of comments are common. No other hydroponic system is so easy to sell. In fact, it sells itself, mostly by referral” **Tim Carpenter, Owner, Verti-Gro, Inc.**