

LAB 4 - HORTICULTURE INTERNET

I. Introduction

During this lab, we will be looking at the internet as a source of information on horticultural topics. This information can be applied to other areas as well. We will study the basic fundamentals of surfing, using search engines, and linking to other sites. You will be required to write a horticulture article about a topic of your choice.

Keyword - a word that describes a subject area (eg. Begonia).

Link - a clickable area on a page that will lead to another page.

Page - a document on the internet.

Search engine - a site that lists other sites and can be used to find information.

URL - an internet address (eg. <http://www.ndsu.com>).

II. Objective

The overall intention of this lab exercise is to acquaint the students with various horticulture web sites that are on the internet. Specific objectives are to: a) obtain information on selected horticultural topics of student's choice, b) compose an article based on findings that can be disseminated to horticulture audience via internet.

III. Procedure

Procedures for surfing include using search engines and linking from other sites. Please see examples on following pages. The internet is a web of information that starts at one point and from there branches out to an exponentially infinite number of other sites.

IV. Assignment

- a. Select a horticultural topic of your choice,
- b. Find information from horticultural web sites by surfing,
- c. Write a horticulture article that can be placed on our internet web site,
- d. Cite references for web sites as source of information and further reference. (These web sites must be listed at the end of your article as links so that readers can visit the specific sites as needed)
- e. Turn in: a) hard copy of your article, b) diskette, c) the permission form with signature, d) pictures or other artwork (subject-related and/or yourself, etc.) if you want to place them along with your article.