PLANT PROPAGATION TEACHING TECHNIQUES

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The techniques in teaching of the Central and North Facility gardening classes are taught by separate instructors but in essence are the same.

At the Central Facility Ornamental Horticulture and Floral Work, along with landscape and general garden maintenance is taught. Seed sowing and cuttings for propagation are planted in a greenhouse under mist systems. In general, the inmate students work very much like any other plant growing establishment would operate. A number of aspects of propagation are taught, such as grafting and budding. The floral students learn various aspects one should know to enter the floral trade.

The North Facility student enrolled in Landscape Gardening is taught to properly use garden tools, along with techniques on how to grow plants, prune, bud, graft, plant bedding plants, trees and shrubs, and general garden maintenance, along with lawn care and planting.

The teaching techniques of the Department of Corrections in general is the same as in any other school teaching horticulture, with the exception of the social standing of our students.

MODERATOR VAN VEEN: Thank you, Ed. Lastly on the panel, we will hear from Jolly Batcheller, of the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Jolly:

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The foundation projects, which Howard Brown spoke of, we have also. We have similar facilities, and we work with our students in a similar manner. I think the difference in geographical location has to do a little bit with the difference in programs.

In Southern California, as I think you realize, there are approximately a thousand nurseries within a fifty mile radius of us, so