

*A Postcard from
Cathy Neal*



Having a wonderful time touring the country this month. One of my first stops was Willoway Nurseries in Avon, Ohio with over 1000 acres of woodies, about half of which has been converted to pot-in-pot production. They grow their own tree whips in a retractable roof greenhouse (left photo) in one year, then plant them into the pot-in-pot system (right photo). I've seen a lot of their product, marketed through brokers, end up in N.H. garden centers.

I also visited the largest nursery in the country, Bailey Nurseries, at their headquarters in St. Paul, MN. We spent the better part of the morning touring their container and pot-in-pot production areas. In addition to deciduous trees, they have many evergreens in shrubs in pot-in-pot as well. The key to success is excellent drainage, often requiring tile drains underneath the beds. The benefits are faster crop time, better quality, no blow-over and no special over-wintering requirements. Of course it does help to have no rocks in the soil....
More later, Cathy