

Plastic mulches for horticultural crops

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There are several varieties of garlic that would only grow in the High Tunnels compared to open field production.

Environmental Modification for Horticultural Crop Protection

Those that were harvested after 4 weeks had a second spore harvest 4 weeks after the first harvest. At WSU, we are testing BDMs to find effective and affordable alternatives to PE mulch to reduce non-recyclable waste.

Special Projects

Soil-biodegradable mulch BDM; paper or plastic has been developed as an environmentally friendly alternative to PE mulch. Yellow, and to a lesser degree, orange, and green surfaces attract the green peach aphid Broadbent, 1948.

Plasticulture

Penn State researchers found yield increases for tomatoes and eggplants on red mulch compared to black. While average primocane height was greater for plants grown with PE mulch compared to all the other treatments except BASF 0. Research at Penn State has shown that soil underneath black plastic can be up to 5 °F warmer at a 2-inch depth and up to 3 °F warmer at a 4-inch depth than uncovered soil at the same depths.

Special Projects

Let us quote some application examples for some thermoplastics. As with brown plastic, look for the IRT designation on green mulch for sale by garden suppliers. PROJECT MODIFICATIONS: Not relevant to this project.

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