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# Selenium protects ornamentals against stress, extends vase life

Selenium application protects pot-grown ornamentals against salinity and other forms of stress. Cut flowers supplied with selenium have a longer vase life.



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Silicon seed priming and foliar-applied ammonium sulphate enhance drought tolerance. Drought-stressed maize on Dutch sandy soil. Photograph: C.C. van Maanen-de Leeuw



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