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I am writing on behalf of the 2012 Penn State Variety Trial (a.k.a. Landisville). It is time to start looking to our entries for the 2012 growing season.

This year we wish Trial Director Alan Michael the best as he begins his retirement. I want to assure you the trial will continue under the direction of a transition team consisting of Dr. Alyssa Collins (Interim Trial Director) Carol Lee Shirk (Trial Associate), Anne Hawk (Trial Associate), Steven Bogash (Extension Educator) and Dr. Robert Berghage (Consulting Advisor).

With this transition, some changes will take place with regard to administration of the trial. Please note the following:

1. Fee increase to cover University administrative costs
2. New field trial agreement for your signature
3. Payment due upon receipt of all entries
4. Change in correspondence address

Attached are a cover letter, entry form and field trial agreement. Please indicate the number of entries, any entries that are new in 2012, and a shipping date so we can make plans for potting your entries.

Enclosed also is information on the trial data website (trialgardenspsu.com) which has the last three years of data, ratings and pictures.

The 2012 field day will be held on Thursday, July 26th. We hope to see you there and look forward to working with you this season.

Please feel free to contact us (Carol Lee Shirk, cls36@psu.edu or Alyssa Collins, collins@psu.edu) with any questions you may have.

Sincerely, Sincerely,

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