

- C. Local political body control of pesticide regulation—U.S. Senator Chafee (S-1524)

Summary

The Line Clearance and Forestry Committee of the Pennsylvania Electric Association offers its members opportunities to exchange ideas, programs and research involving various activities associated with vegetation management methods, materials and equipment in order to improve electric reliability, operating economy and safety of electric distribution and transmission facilities. The committee strives to increase public understanding of vegetation management within electric line rights-of-way, attempts to speak with a single voice on matters of vegetation management, and promotes continual exchange of information between electric utilities within Pennsylvania.

This discussion of the LC&FC suggests one of many ways to establish a network of key persons having responsibilities for electric line right-of-way vegetation management within state boundaries.

Utilities in other states have used organizations such as the International Society of Arboriculture to accomplish similar results. Having such an organization in place, along with good working relationships, results in quick attention to problems and the establishment of a prompt course of action. Expedient, organized, and thorough action of the membership can be very effective in obtaining a fair and equitable resolution of issues affecting electric utility line clearance programs.

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Abstract

HIGGANBOTHAM, J.S. 1987. **New woody plants offer fresh landscape options.** Am. Nurseryman 165(9): 88-92, 94, 96, 98.

Each nursery, arboretum or university introducing new plants hopes to capture a niche in a competitive market. It is difficult to predict what will catch the fancy of the public. The offerings discussed in this article are about to enter the arena. They come from arboreta and nurseries and they are in various stages of the introduction process. Some are searching for commercial producers. A check of North American universities known for plant introductions disclosed a good deal of breeding and testing activity. However, none of the university horticulturists was ready to announce the results nationally.