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## Where Can You Order Saffron Corms?

Several growers interested in producing saffron have asked where to order the corms. You have many options, but remember, you should place your order in March or April to ensure you get what you need. Corms ordered now will be shipped in August or September 2017. There are many retail sources that can be found on line by searching for “Saffron Corms” or “Crocus sativus”. In addition, you can also find other sources by searching for “Wholesale Saffron corms”.

At our recent workshop in Burlington, VT, growers discussed how to place orders to take advantage of lower wholesale prices. One of the workshop presenters was Hans Rotteveel, President of Roco Saffron, a large wholesale producer of saffron corms in The Netherlands. He sells corms all over the world, and accepts orders for 1,000 corms or more. He is possibly the only supplier that offers both organic and non-organic corms. If you are interested in placing an order directly with Roco Saffron, contact Hans Rotteveel at [hans@rocosaffron.com](mailto:hans@rocosaffron.com). You can learn more about his company and order from his website at <https://us.rocosaffron.com/shop>. I have attached his order form and price list for your convenience. It is worth noting that he is offering a 5% discount for orders placed before April 15, 2017. He can sell corms in Canada as well as the US. To receive the discount, you need to include the code “Sativus2017”.

Peter Johnson, Director of the Amish-Mennonite Center for Sustainable Agriculture, in Wenham MA, has offered to serve as a distributor of corms from Roco Saffron in the US. He cannot accept orders from Canada. He will accept both large orders as well as orders of less than 1,000 corms. You can reach him at [petermjohnson10@gmail.com](mailto:petermjohnson10@gmail.com) or by telephone at 978-701-7693.

Several growers at the workshop discussed the idea of placing large joint orders to take advantage of the bulk pricing. Jeff Marstaller, of Cozy Acres Greenhouses in North Yarmouth, ME, has agreed to work with a few other growers in the Portland, ME area to arrange a bulk order. He can be reached at [greenhouse.ppc@yahoo.com](mailto:greenhouse.ppc@yahoo.com). You may want to contact growers in your area to place a joint order. The list of workshop attendees, is attached or you can download it at the following website:  
<http://www.uvm.edu/~entlab/Saffron/Saffron%20Workshop%202017/Participants.pdf>

This information is provided in response to grower questions, and is not an endorsement of any one company or a recommendation for a particular saffron corm source by the North American Center for Saffron Research and Development. When ordering corms, we suggest you ask the supplier where and how the corms were grown, processed and stored. You should also ask about the size of the corms you are going to receive. In general, larger corms produce more flowers in the first year and more daughter corms the following year.

If you have additional questions, feel free to contact Margaret Skinner at [miskinner@uvm.edu](mailto:miskinner@uvm.edu).

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