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**CONTEST REQUIREMENTS:** Contestants must be owners or employees of landscape maintenance companies, lawn care companies or landscape contracting firms; or an athletic field manager or member of an athletic field maintenance crew; or manager or member of a facility landscape management crew. Product selections must be currently used by entrant. Employees of Advanstar Communications or their families not eligible.

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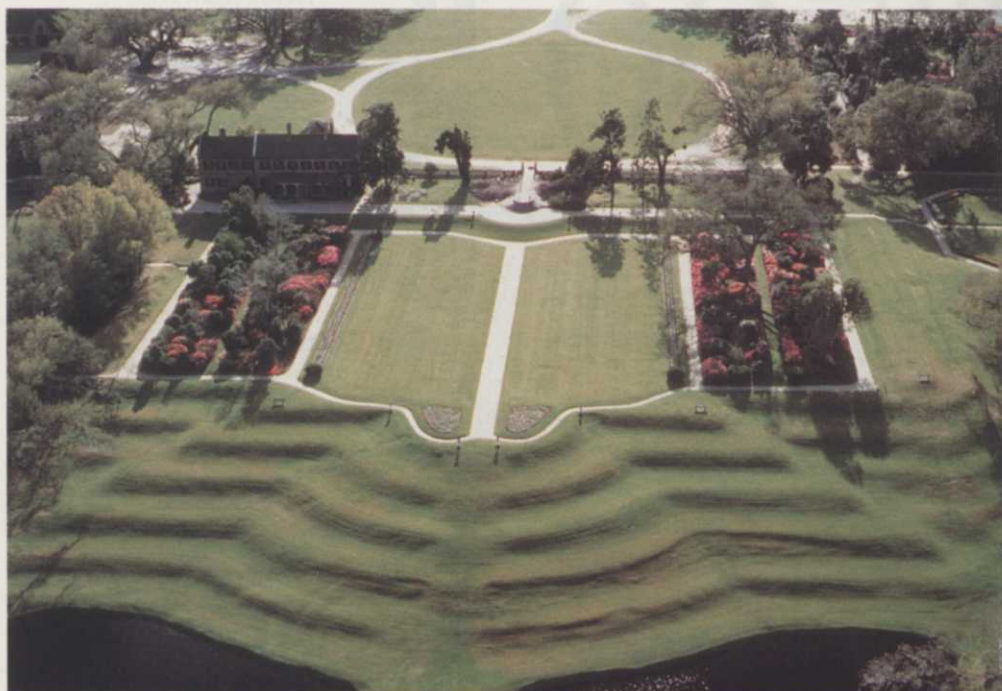
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## What do the numbers say?

According to a recent Pennington Seed survey of lawn and garden consumers:

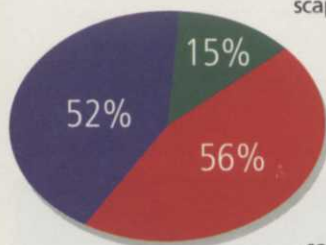
► 56% rank a well-kept lawn and landscape as the top

eye-catching feature when judging a home's "curb appeal."

► 52%

consider home pride to be the greatest benefit of lawn and garden care.

Meanwhile, a recent Gallup poll showed that a well-kept lawn and landscape can add up to 15% to the value of a home.



## Web tip of the month: The language of landscape

Ever wish you could express yourself better? Like in another language? Language translation sites can be found at: [www.itools.com](http://www.itools.com); <http://rivendel.com>; and <http://balfish.altavista.digital.com>.

Here are a few of our favorite translations:

Here, let me pay you now! = Ici,

laissez-moi vous payer maintenant! (French)

You are our number one customer. = Sie sind unser Zahl-einkunde. (German)

I wish we had more employees like you = Deseo que teníamos más empleados como usted! (Spanish)

The check is in the mail = Il controllo è nella posta. (Italian)

