

ForemostCo, a young-plant grower in Miami, is offering a new series of **ground orchids** (*Spathoglottis plicata*). The Sorbet



Sorbet Tropical Punch.

Series has four varieties: Moonlit Grape (violet), Coconut Cloud (white), Tropical Pineapple (yellow) and Tropical Punch (multicolored). Ground orchids are symmetrical plants with stems up to 24 inches long. For more: (800) 421-8986; www.foremostco.com.

Rita Randolph, co-owner of Randolph's Greenhouses in Jackson, Tenn., said consumers who like succulents are naturally drawn to ornamental pineapples. Their growing requirements are very similar to sedums, and thus they're compatible for growing together. She said a little organic matter should be added to the growing mix



Pineapples spice up containers. and gravel for drainage. For more: (731) 422-2768; www.randolphsgreenhouses.com.

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USDA expands list of imported produce

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service expanded the list of fruits and vegetables eligible for importation into the United States. Each of these fruits and vegetables, as a condition of entry, will be inspected and subject to disinfection at the port of first arrival. Fruits and vegetables now eligible for importation include tomatoes from Chile, leeks from Canada, citrus from the Bahamas and rambutan from Mexico.

Some fruits and vegetables will be required to be treated or meet other special conditions. Some will require a phytosanitary certificate issued by



APHIS now allows citrus imports from the Bahamas.

the national plant protection organization in the country of origin.

Products will be inspected to ensure that shipments are free of plant pests and diseases before entering the United States. Notice of this final rule was published in the Dec. 18, 2006, Federal Register.

■ **For more:** Donna L. West, APHIS, Plant Protection Quarantine, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-8758; www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a061218c.html