

## FARM FRIDAY FUN WITH ARIZONA AGRICULTURE ROSE FACTS

- There are more than 150 species of roses and thousands of hybrids.
- The fruit of a rose is a rose hip. The fruits contain high amounts of vitamin C, so they are used often in teas and food supplements.
- Roses are well known as symbols. Different colors mean different things worldwide. Red roses symbolize love, white roses symbolize sympathy, and yellow stands for friendship.
- In 2017, 75% of all the rose bushes in the United States were exported from Arizona.
- The tallest rose bush stands at over 23 feet high.
- The world's most expensive rose is a 2006 variety called Juliet. Breeding the rose took 15 years and cost 5 million dollars.
- Most roses are deciduous, which means they shed their leaves seasonally. However, some roses are evergreen, meaning they keep their leaves all year round.
- The world's largest rosebush is a white Lady Banksia located in Tombstone, Arizona. The rose bush spreads over an arbor that covers over 9,000 square feet.