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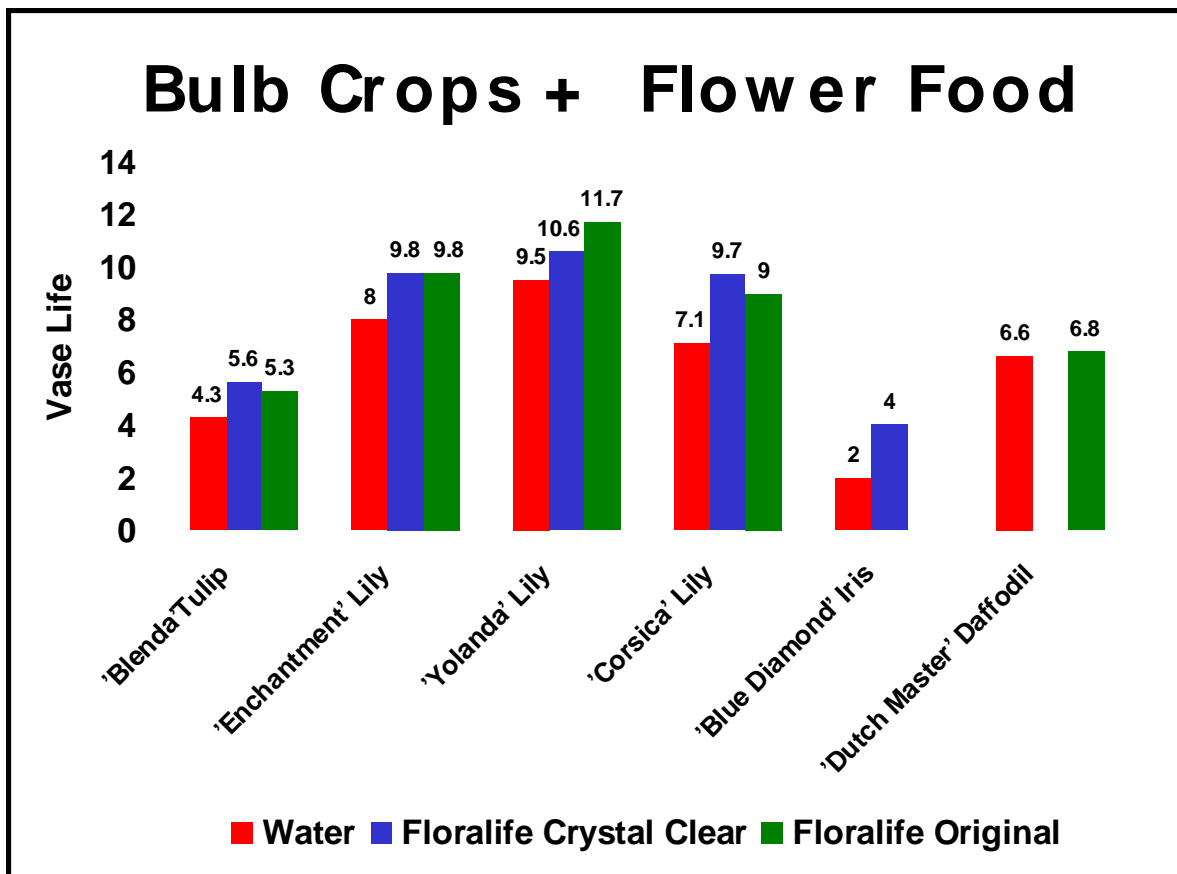
Bulb Crops and Flower Food???

Bulb crops, such as iris, tend to be more susceptible to hydration problems. It is even more important to provide the components needed to keep the stems flowing freely. For example, in our studies, iris held in water failed to open. The iris held in flower food gave a beautiful display.

These flowers tend to be very sensitive, in general. Because of this characteristic, it is even more important to use the correct dose of flower food when storing bulb flowers. Over (or under) dosing of flower foods will result in premature deterioration of these delicate crops.

As always, when in doubt, do your own test! Compare three vases of flowers held in water with three vases held in properly mixed flower food. Be sure to include at least three stems (of each flower type) per vase.

The graph below represents vase life data obtained from holding various bulb crops in water or flower food.



Conclusion

Flower food is not harmful to bulb crops, if used correctly!