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- Research Fellow of Horticulture: 8/2006- 1/2010: Department of Horticulture, North Central Research and Outreach Center, University of Minnesota.
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