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hor·ti·cul·ture  (hôr tĩ-kŭl'chər)

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n.

1. The science or art of cultivating fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants.
2. The cultivation of a garden.

[Latin *hortus*, garden; see **gher-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + (AGRI)CULTURE.]

hor'ti·cul tur·al *adj.*

hor'ti·cul tur·al·ly *adv.*

hor'ti·cul tur·ist *n.*

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