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Marigold (French) Bonanza Series

(Tagetes patula)

Annuals Culture (revised 03/14/17)

All-around performance

The market leader in French marigolds, Bonanza is the series to choose when you want to pump up your pack sales. This popular series delivers earliness, large flowers, uniformity and superior performance under a wide range of conditions.

Plug crop time: 3 weeks

Transplant to finish: 3 to 4 weeks

- Double crested flowers are the largest of any in this type 2 to 3 in./5 to 8 cm across in a wide range of pure, intense colours.
- Fast to flower with a tight flowering window.
- Plants are excellent garden performers under a wide range of conditions.

General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Spring, Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer	10-12 in. (25-30 cm)	6-8 in. (15-20 cm)	6-10 in. (15-25 cm)

Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days to Germinate	Initial Media pH/EC	Cover Seed
COT, DTL	288	1	3-4	2-3	6.2-6.5 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	Yes

Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 3	Level 3
Temperature	70-72°F (21-22°C)	68-72°F (20-22°C)	68-75°F (20-24°C)	68-75°F (20-24°C)
Light	Optional			
Fertilizer	Less than 100 ppm N - Less than 0.7 EC	Less than 100 ppm N - Less than 0.7 EC	100 to 175 ppm N - 0.7 to 1.2 EC	100 to 175 ppm N - 0.7 to 1.2 EC

Fertilizer Notation

Use a nitrate-based fertilizer with low phosphorus.

Propagation Key Tips

Maintain soil pH of 6.2 to 6.5 to avoid iron toxicity.

Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 65-68°F (18-20°C) (night) 60-62°F (16-17°C)	6.2-6.5 pH 1.0-1.5 mmhos/cm	100 to 175 ppm N - 0.7 to 1.2 EC	Facultative Short Day

Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plants/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
Cell Pack	1 (ppp)	3-4 (weeks)	Spring	-

Fertilizer Notation

Starting 1 week after transplant, apply fertilizer at rate of 100 to 175 ppm N and 0.7 to 1.2 mS/cm) using predominantly nitrate-based fertilizer with low phosphorus. Maintain the media EC at 1.0 to 1.5 mS/cm and pH at 6.2 to 6.5. For constant fertilizer program, can apply fertilizer at rate of 75 to 100 ppm N 0.5 to 0.7 mS/cm) while maintaining the above recommended EC and pH ranges.

Common Problems

Insects: Aphids, Mites, Whiteflies Diseases: Damping off in the seedling stage

Finishing Key Tips

Maintain soil pH of 6.2 to 6.5 to avoid iron toxicity.

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as a starting point. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year, and greenhouse environmental conditions. Chemical and PGR recommendations are only guidelines. It is the responsibility of the applicator to read and follow all the current label directions for the specific chemical being used in accordance with all regulations.

Variety Pictures



















Bee

Improved

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Flame

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Harmony

Orange

Yellow

Mixture