Annuals Culture (revised 01/27/17)

# GrowerFacts

# Zinnia Double Zahara Series

(Zinnia marylandica)

Plug crop time: 3 weeks

Transplant to finish: Spring 8 to 9 weeks, Summer 5 to 6 weeks

- The only fully double, disease-resistant zinnia series makes a huge colour show!
- The competition has smaller, semi-double flowers.
- · Award-winning, all-season performance and durability in the landscape, especially in sunny, hot and dry conditions.
- Intermediate size is perfect for mid-level in the landscape. Works well in containers, too.

### **General Information**

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Spring, Late Spring, Summer, Autumn	16-20 in. (41-51 cm)	16-20 in. (41-51 cm)	8-10 in. (20-25 cm)

#### Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days to Germinate	Initial Media pH/EC	Cover Seed
COT, RAW	288	1	3	2-3	5.8-6.2 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	Yes

# **Plug Production**

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 3-4	Level 3
Temperature	68-73°F (20-23°C)	68-76°F (20-24°C)	68-76°F (20-24°C)	65-70°F (18-21°C)
Light	Optional	1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)
Fertilizer		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
PGR			daminozide/1,250-2,500 ppm/Spray	

#### **Propagation Key Tips**

Avoid excessive moisture on plants and flowers. Monitor for Botrytis.

# **Growing on to Finish**

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 65-70°F (18-21°C) (night) 59-64°F (15-18°C)	5.5-6.0 pH 1.2-1.5 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N - 1.2 to 1.5 EC	Facultative Short Day

# **Crop Scheduling**

Container Size	Plants/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	8-9 (weeks)	Spring	daminozide 3,500-5,000 ppm Spray
5"/6"/1 Gallon	3 (ppp)	8-9 (weeks)	Spring	daminozide 3,500-5,000 ppm Spray
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Summer	daminozide 3,500-5,000 ppm Spray
5"/6"/1 Gallon	3 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Summer	daminozide 3 500-5 000 ppm Spray

#### **Fertilizer Notation**

Avoid fertilizer/nutritional stress during production as this can cause the flowers to be less double.

#### **Common Problems**

Insects: Monitor for Aphids early in production and Thrips during flowering. Disease: Avoid high humidity and condensation in the greenhouse, as these conditions are favorable for Botrytis and Powdery Mildew incidence.

#### **Finishing Key Tips**

Flowers will be more double, with more intense colour, when grown under high light levels.

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

















Cherry Improved

Fire Improved

Ripple

Salmon Rose

Strawberry

Yellow

**Brilliant Mixture**