# GrowerFacts

## Asparagus FuzzyFern™ Frizz

(Asparagus densiflorus "Sprengeri")

Annuals Culture (revised 02/15/23)

#### Reliable supply of higher-quality seed for a foliage staple

With a demand for Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri' in the market and minimal seed available, we set our sights on improving supply with FuzzyFern Frizz! This asparagus fern saves growers money, space and grief by providing a more reliable supply of seed with higher germination. Plus, it brings a fun texture to mixed containers, hanging baskets and indoor planters.

Plug crop time: 7 to 9 weeks

Transplant to finish: 14 to 16 weeks, 4-in./10-cm pot, quart/11-cm pot

- Provides a more reliable supply of Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri' seed with higher germination.
- Higher germination provides growers with a money-saving option to produce a reliable plug with fewer seeds.
- · Frizz brings a fun texture to mixed containers, hanging baskets, indoor applications, and even landscapes in some regions.
- This trailing foliage item can handle both sun and shade plus indoor and outdoor use for more versatility.

### **General Information**

| Exposure    | Bloom Season                     | Height                  | Spread                  | Spacing |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Partial Sun | Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer | 24-36 in.<br>(61-91 cm) | 24-36 in.<br>(61-91 cm) |         |

### Germination

| Seed Form | Recommended<br>Plug Size | Seeds/Cell | Plug Crop Weeks | Days from 50% to maximum germination | Initial Media<br>pH/EC (1:2)    | Cover Seed |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| RAW       | 128<br>72                | 3<br>5-7   | 7-9<br>7-9      | 14-30                                | 5.8-6.2 pH<br>0.5-0.75 mmhos/cm | Yes        |

### **Plug Production**

|             | Stage 1              | Stage 2  | Stage 3   | Stage 4  |
|-------------|----------------------|--|---|--|
| Moisture    | Level 4-5            |  |   |  |
| Temperature | 72-82°F<br>(22-28°C) | 72-75°F<br>(22-24°C)   | 68-72°F<br>(20-22°C)  | 65-68°F<br>(18-20°C)   |
| Light       | Dark                 | 4-6 mol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup><br>500-1,000 f.c.<br>(5,400-10,800 Lux) | 6-8 mol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup><br>1,500-2,500 f.c.<br>(16,100-26,900 Lux) | 8-10 mol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup><br>3,000-4,000 f.c.<br>(32,300-43,100 Lux) |
| Fertilizer  |                      | Less than 100 ppm N<br>(Less than 0.7 EC)  | Less than 100 ppm N<br>(Less than 0.7 EC)   | Less than 100 ppm N<br>(Less than 0.7 EC)  |

### **Propagation Key Tips**

Requires dark for germination. Dibble and bury seed into media is recommended. Seeds take a long time to germinate, so please be patient. High temperatures of 78-80°F (26-27°C) and high humidity (60-80% RH) will help with quicker and more uniform germination. Seedlings can be grown on the dry side after Stage 2 as tuberous roots develop. There is no major response to plant growth regulators.

### **Growing on to Finish**

| Growing on<br>Temperature                            | Target Media<br>pH/EC (1:2)    | Fertilizer                       | Daylength |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| (day) 65-70°F (18-21°C)<br>(night) 60-65°F (16-18°C) | 5.5-6.2 pH<br>1.5-2.0 mmhos/cm | 150 to 175 ppm N (1.0 to 1.2 EC) | -         |

**Crop Scheduling** 

| Container Size               | Plugs/Pot | Crop Time     | Season | PGR |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-----|
| 306 Pack/1801                | 1 (ppp)   | 10-12 (weeks) | Spring | -   |
| 3"/8 cm                      | 1 (ppp)   | 13-14 (weeks) | Spring | -   |
| 4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm          | 1-2 (ppp) | 14-15 (weeks) | Spring | -   |
| 5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm         | 1-3 (ppp) | 16-18 (weeks) | Spring | -   |
| 10" Pot or HB/3 Gallon/25 cm | 3 (ppp)   | 22-24 (weeks) | Spring | -   |
| 12" Pot or HB/5 Gallon/30 cm | 3-4 (ppp) | 24-26 (weeks) | Spring | -   |
| 14" Pot or HB/7 Gallon/36 cm | 3-5 (ppp) | 26-28 (weeks) | Spring | -   |

#### **Fertilizer Notation**

Feed at every irrigation with 150-200ppm alternating between 20-10-20 and 15-0-15.

### **Chemical Sensitivity**

There is no major response to plant growth regulators.

#### **Common Problems**

Insects: Aphids, Thrips, Mealy Bugs Diseases: Leaf Spot, Root Rot, Crown Rot, Leaf Drop in indoor settings.

### **Finishing Key Tips**

Plants can be finished at lower or much higher temperatures, but do keep temperature above 55°F (13°C) for the fastest growth. Plant growth regulators or physical pinching are not recommended.

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as guidelines only. PanAmerican Seed recommends that growers conduct a trial of products under their own conditions. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year, and greenhouse environmental conditions. It is the responsibility of the grower to confirm the treatment is available in their region as well as read and follow all the current label directions relating to the products. Nothing herein shall be deemed a warranty or guaranty by PanAmerican Seed of any products listed herein. PanAmerican Seed's terms and conditions of sale shall apply to all products listed herein.

### **Variety Pictures**







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