

Culture Information

Cuphea Sweet Talk™ F1 Series

Plant type: Garden, patio plant
Uses: Pot plant, patio and containers
Plant Height: 20-36cm

Approximate crop timing:

Ball 84 Wk 12-18	Pot March/May	Flowering June/July
Ball 23 Wk 12-16	Pot March/May	Flowering June/July
Leg Tray 288 Wk 14-20	Pot April/May	Flowering July/August

Growing On:

Temperature & Media A media mixed with 15% perlite allowing good water/air ratio is, beneficial giving plants optimum growing conditions.

Growing on to finish from plug, day length short. Day 21-26°C, night 16-21°C

Cuphea is very vigorous and temperature sensitive. Growing cool can reduce PGR needs. Growing above 23°C may need higher PGR rates.

pH 5.8-6.2. High pH can cause iron deficiency.

Feeding to Finish 100 to 175 ppm N (0.7 to 1.2 EC)

Pinching No pinch needed; if you choose to pinch plants at a young stage, follow with 2 to 3 treatments of paclobutrazol at 20ppm.

Growth regulation Apply paclobutrazol sprench 72 hours after sowing or at radical emergence to control hypocotyl stretch. Paclobutrazol applied at 1ppm two weeks after transplanting, with temperatures set at 20°C, paclobutrazol applied at 2ppm after transplanting, with temperature set at 23°C.

Pot size 13cm pot with one plug.
3 Plugs in 3 litre pot.

Common Problems Diseases: Pythium, Fusarium, Thielaviopsis, Leaves can redden in cold temperatures. Insects: Aphids, Whiteflies and Thrips.

Cuphea is sensitive to ethylene, precautions are needed when shipping.

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