



# **Cultural Tips for Growing Proven Winners**

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### 126/64 liner tray – What does this new tray mean for me?

- Tray benefits
  - Same quality, less cost!
  - Balance of plant density and quality
  - 50% more plants per shipment
  - More variety per order option to purchase half trays
  - 128 tray sold as 126, 64 tray sold as 63
  - Our liner production treatments will remain the same # cuttings per cell, pinching, PGRs, preventative fungicide drenches, etc.
- What should I do when I receive my shipment?
  - Unpack immediately
  - Plant as soon as possible!
  - Avoid holding liners longer than a week, if possible
  - If holding is necessary, place in a cool (55–60°F), high light environment
- How will this affect my planting schedules?
  - Extensively trialed at PVG for over a year
  - Finished crop times will remain the same
  - Liners per container will remain the same
  - Growers should see little to no change in finish time and plant quality

#### **Matching Liners to Finished Containers**

- 128 liners
  - Use for year-round production unless better option is available
- Enhanced Liners (72 and 84)
  - Spring flowering production for pots up to 6.5"/1.0G
- Fast Tracks
  - Spring Production for 6.5" and larger containers

#### **Enhanced Liners**

- For spring flowering production
- Available weeks 9–20
- For 4.25", 4.5", Quart, 6.5", and 1.0G containers
- NOT for hanging baskets or large planters
- Programmed liners
  - Better quality and timing than from 128 liners
  - Uniform plant size
  - o Consistent flowering
  - No additional pinching or PGRs required
  - Faster finish time = heat savings, labor savings, and more bench turns

- Utilized by PVG for most of our spring flowering crops
- 72 Enhanced Liners
  - 1 liner per 4.5" finish in 3–4 weeks
  - 2 liners per 6.5" finish in 4–5 weeks
  - Most complete plant list see catalog
- 84 Enhanced Liners
  - 1 liner per 4.5" finish in 4–5 weeks
  - 2 liners per 6.5" finish in 5 weeks
  - Selective plant list see catalog

#### Fast Tracks

- Sold in 32 tray
- Use for large pot spring production
- Most commonly used for patio pots and monoculture baskets
- Fewer plants per pot
- Reduced plant maintenance
- Utilized by PVG for some 6.5" crops and all 12" HB and 12" CP combinations
- Quicker turns
  - $\circ$  6.5" and gallons 1 liner per pot 4–5 weeks
  - $\circ$  10"HB 3 liners per pot 5–7 weeks
  - 12"HB and 12"CP 5–6 liners per pot 5–7 weeks

## **Growing Tips for Trouble Crops**

- Superbells® Calibrachoa
  - pH management is critical. High pH can induce iron deficiency and root stress. Grow best between 5.5–5.8.
  - Allow plants to dry between waterings.
  - Preventative fungicide drench is highly recommended.
  - Start warm (68–72°F) for best root development, then grow cooler (62–65°F) to control growth and tone plants.
- Snow Princess<sup>TM</sup> Lobularia
  - Flower drop sorry...just part of the plant
  - Maintain adequate moisture
  - Leaf discoloration
    - Yellow = too dry
    - Purple = too cold or very low plant nutrition
  - Growth control
    - High light, cool temperatures, avoid excess fertility
    - PGRs start with Sumagic (uniconazole) sprays at 5–10 ppm or Bonzi (paclobutrazol) drenches at 1-2 ppm
- Sunsatia® Nemesia

- Grow in a greenhouse with adequate air circulation.
- Do not overwater! Allow plants to dry between waterings.
- Water in the morning. Avoid wet foliage at night.
- Scout for botrytis and treat as needed.
- Newer varieties (Coconut, Cranberry, and Lemon) are more vigorous and have better disease tolerance.
- Grow cool to control growth, promote larger flower size, and more intense flower coloration.
- Symphony Osteospermum
  - Grow warm (66–70°F) until rooted
  - Grow cool (55–65°F) to control growth and tone plants. Can hold cold (40–50°F) once plants reach market size.
  - Symphony can be sensitive to botrytis, erwinia, and root diseases.
  - Key proper sanitation, good air circulation, water management, and preventative fungicides
- Intensia® Phlox
  - Grow warm (68–72°F) until rooted
  - Grow cool (55-62°F) to finish. Cool temps create a compact, toned plant.
  - High fertility requirement fertilize with 250–300 ppm N CLF (constant liquid feed)
  - High light is essential
  - Do not overwater! Allow plants to dry between watering cycles.
  - If nervous, start with Intensia® Blueberry

#### **Growing Resources**

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