

Flowering Kale Crane Series

Ball™

- *A great addition to your bouquets*
- *Suitable for cut flower cool, energy efficient greenhouse or field production*

Ornamental Cabbage, or Flowering Kale, has a tall upright habit with a compact flower which makes it perfect for adding a different touch for your bouquets. Growers can decide on the flowers size depending on their market by adjusting the density at which it is grown. This trait makes the Flowering Kale a very versatile focal flower. The dark leaves that surround the center area enhance the center colour for a great contrast. The brightness of the flower colour depends on production temperature.



F1 White Crane: Creamy white with pink center

F1 Red Crane: Dark green foliage with brighter purple-red center

F1 Rose Crane: Grey-green foliage with dark purple-red center.

A F1 Crane Bi-color: Red center with white borders & gray-green leaves all around.

B F1 New Crane F1 Pink Crane: Grey-green foliage with pink center

Cultural Information

Brassica oleracea

Crop time: From Planting 15 weeks

Planting Density : 64 to 80 Plants/sq-m.net (6 to 8 plants/sq-ft.net).

Pre-planting:

-Soil: Well drained, loose soil with no clusters, at least 40 cm (15 in.) deep

-pH: 6.0 to 6.5

-Calcium carbonate

-DAP (Di-ammonium phosphate)

-Watering in surface of soil (helps with root formation)

-Netting: 1 level Net: 8 holes, 11 to 13 cm (4 x 5 in. or 6 x 6 in.)

Leaf Removal

Remove lower leaves; repeat 3 to 4 times as the plant grows taller.

Irrigation

Keep constant moisture (field capacity).

Fertilization

Provide proper fertilizer during early stage

Nitrogen & Potassium: 160 ppm

N:K = 1:1

Reduce fertilization when flower shows colour

-EC: 0.5 to 0.8

Drip-irrigation

5 L/m²/day or 1 L/2 ft²/day

EC 1.3 to 1.5

N: K ratio 1:4 (80ppm-250 to 300ppm)

Harvest

As soon as height is achieved and head has appropriate density formation.

Post harvest

Use clean water with a bactericide and immediate hydration.

Pests & Diseases

- Leaf miner (especially when plant is young).

- Aphids.