# **Spring Fling Begonia**





Spring Fling Buttercup



Spring Fling Pink Tulip





- Instant, elegant color for patio pots or baskets
- Dark, clean foliage is a great contrast to the large light colored blooms creating big retail appeal
- Fast and uniform to root with very strong branching
- Heat tolerant
- If customers are looking for a long-flowering season item with showy blooms, Spring Fling is for them!

Easy to Grow, Quick to Finish!		
Habit	Spreading	
Spacing	14 to 18" (35-46cm)	
Height	12" to 14" (30-35cm)	
Width	12" to 14" (30-35cm)	
Size	6IN to Large Containers	
Exposure	Part Sun to Shade	
Available	URC - Dummen Orange, Liners available from PPED, DICK, COLE, DMNG, DMNT, HAEK	

# **Spring Fling Begonia Culture**



## **Finishing**

Size	Plants Per Pot	Finish Time (weeks)
6 in. (15 cm)	1	9 to 12 wks
10 to 12 in. (25 to 30 cm)	2-3	10 to 14 wks
14in. and larger (36cm)	4 (with larger liner)	12 to 14 wks

#### **Pinching**

Liners should be pinched during propagation.

#### Fertility & PH

100-150 ppm N 5.6-6.2 Ph Moderate EC at 2.0-3.5 mS via SME

#### Temperature

Night Temperature: 65-73°F (18-23°C) Day Temperature: 68-75°F (20-24°C)

#### Lighting

Maintain light levels between 3,000 - 7,000 fc (32,200-75,300 lux).

Supplemental light may be applied if reproductive growth is being managed by night interruption lighting.

#### Plant Growth Regulators (PGRS)

To improve habit use 250-400ppm Cycocel (11.8% Chlormequat) as needed.

Low rates of B-Nine (85% Daminozide) at 1000-1500ppm, or Cyocel/Citadel (11.8% Chlormequat) at (250-350ppm), or a tank mix spray can be applied as needed.

Once cuttings are rooted, use a low 300ppm Cycocel spray to help with branching. Avoid having Cycocel spray accumulate and trickle into the roots of the liner or pot.

#### Potential Pests and Diseases

Botrytis, Xanthamonas, Powdery Mildew Whitefly, Mites, Thrips

### **Top Tips**

A steady environment with little fluctuation in temperature and moisture is important during vegetative growth.

Growing with bottom heat is recommended and will reduce crop time.

Buds that develop during the vegetative phase should be removed manually to promote vegetative growth. The plant should be 2/3rds the desired finish size before flower initiation: To initiate flowers at the above spec, black cloth for 14 days, moisture stress (letting the plants slightly wilt several times before watering), low fertility (withholding fertilizer application for 14 days), plant growth regulator application, or a combination of these tactics.

Plants should finish in 4 to 6 weeks after flower initiation. After induction return plants to the same production \conditions used during vegetative growth.



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