GrowerFacts

Hebe Grace Kelly

(*Hebe hybrid*)

Propagation

Not Applicable.

Growing On to Finish

Media
Well-drained media that holds nutrients and provides adequate support for the plant.

Average Daily Growing Temperature
Day: 68-73°F (20-23°C)

Night: 55-65°F (13-18°C)

Light
Full sun production is best for optimum growth rate and compact habit.

Irrigation
Uniform media water levels for optimum growth. Do not permit full drying of media.

Fertilizer
A water soluble fertilizer or a low release incorporated into the rooting media is beneficial. 21-7-7 acid special to keep pH low.

Pinching/Pruning
Recommended pruning to produce saleable #1 nursery container. Prune 1 to 2 times the first two months of production. Light pruning for saleable #3 or #5 nursery container will increase branching habit.

Spacing
Can be grown pot tight at initial potting. Spacing needed for a full retail quality plant.

Diseases
For fungal diseases, use Subdue® Max formulation. Read the label for use. This will reduce or eliminate the disease.

Pests
Whitefly and spider mites.

Crop Scheduling
This crop will follow a similar production schedule as other Hebe cultivars. Crop schedules listed below are general guidelines. Many factors can contribute to faster or slower growth rates. Please keep this in mind when developing your production schedule.

Liner to #1 nursery container
Fall potting: #1 nursery container will finish in 6 to 7 months (August/September potting saleable in March to May)

Spring: #1 nursery container will finish in 2 to 3 months (April/May potting salable in June to August)

Container Size
#1 (18 cm) pot: 1 liner per pot

#3 pot: 3 liners per pot; or shift #1 container

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as a starting point. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year and greenhouse environmental conditions. Chemical and PGR recommendations are only guidelines. It is the responsibility of the applicator to read and follow all the current label directions for the specific chemical being used in accordance with all regulations.