GrowerFacts

Weigela Merlot Rose

(*Weigela hybrid*)

Propagation

Not Applicable.

Growing On to Finish

Media
Use a well-drained, disease-free, soilless media with a pH of 5.5 to 6.2.

Temperature
USDA Zone 5 minimum temperatures. Preferable to keep roots from prolonged freezing temperatures.

Summer: Production performance in the United States has exhibited similar heat and humidity standards as Weigela.

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

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

Fertilizer
Similar fertility regime as with other broad-leafed deciduous shrubs in a nursery.

Pinching
Habit of Weigela is low branching with significant branching increased over typical species. One pruning is required to produce saleable #1 nursery container. Light pruning for saleable #3 or #5 nursery container at time of canning will increase branching habit.

Spacing
Can be grown pot tight at initial potting. Spacing needed for compact, fully branched crop.

Crop Scheduling
Liner to #1 nursery container
Potting: July through August

Finish: March through May (with blooms)

Potting: April through June

Finish: June through 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.