

Camellia Japonica

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Propagation

Not Applicable.

Growing On to Finish

Media

Performs well in general nursery production media.

Light

Grow in full shade (55% or greater).

Irrigation

Allow the media to dry slightly between watering. Overwatering results in less upright plants. Best to water in morning and to have dry by end of day.

Fertilizer

Slow release fertilizer is best. 8 to 9-month low phosphorus Osmocote or similar at 3.5 to 4 kg per cubic meter/8 to 9 lbs. per cubic yard of growing media. Liquid feeding using Peters Excel® 21-5-10 or similar application of liquid feed of 225ppm nitrogen may be necessary to promote green young growth, Nitrogen will quickly increase foliage growth. If new growth tips stop showing good, deep color, plants require more feeding.

Spacing

Initial potting can be kept can tight. Spacing is recommended to promote lower, basal branching habit that is a feature of this cultivar.

Program Details

Liners offered in a 32-cell from Ball Ornamentals distribution network.

Pruning

Well-pruned liners or plugs should arrive from Ball Ornamentals supplier network. Less pruning needed to finish a #1 or larger container. Finishes quickly for #1 sales.

Scheduling

Container Size:

2 Gal:

Production Time – (potting to finish): 25-35 weeks

Potting Time recommended: Week 9-22; 30-35

Main Selling Period: Spring (all year)

5 Gal:

Production Time – (potting to finish): 75+ weeks

Potting Time recommended: Week 9-22; 30-35

Main Selling Period: Spring (all year)

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.