

# Bellis (annual/biennial)

## **Mars series**

## **BEDDING / POT CULTURE**

culture greenhouse/open field sowing method TP

sowing season early spring and autumn

germ temp. 21-24°C (70-75°F)

growing temp depends on culture

**plug crop time** 5 weeks (406 tray)

crop duration 8-10 weeks from transplant 10-12 weeks (spring) from sowing

#### seed requirement

1250 seeds for 1000 plants

#### pests/diseases

Plugs planted too deep can produce crown rot and fungal issues. Avoid growing wet. Monitor for rust, Phoma and aphids.

#### fertilization (f)

Fertilize moderately every week or as needed with 150-200 ppm N with a complete balanced fertilizer. The roots are sensitive to high salt levels. Avoid high ammonium and high N levels.

# **SOWING DETAILS**

• Pre-sow and transplant (TP):

media: sterile soilless sowing mix pH 5,5-6,3, EC 0.5-0.75 Sow : 1 or 2 pellets per plug (406 tray or larger) Cover: no or light cover with coarse vermiculite

days 1 - 7

- (m) level 4, RH 95-75%
- (t) 21-24ºC (70-75ºF)
- (l) optional
- (f) < 100 ppm N, EC 0.5-0.75

days 8 - 14

- (m) level 3
- (t) 21-24°C (70-75°F)
- (I) low light levels
- (f) < 100 ppm N, EC 0.5-0.75

## days 15 - 24

- (m) level 2 -3
  (t) 16-18°C (61-64°F)
- (t) 16-18°C (61-64°I (l) low light levels
- (f) 100-175 ppm N, EC 0.7-1.2

## days 25-35

- (m) level 2
- (t) 16-18°C (61-64ºF)
- (I) low light levels
- (f) 100-175 ppm N, EC 0.7-1.2

## **GROWING ON**

soil/media pH at 5,8-6,5 and EC 1.1-1.3

#### pinching

plants per pot 1 plug/306 Premium pack or 12 cm pot

plant density (garden) 20 plants per m<sup>2</sup>

#### moisture (m)

Irrigate moderately as needed and maintain adequate ventilation.

#### temperature (t)

Autumn sale: 16-18°C (61-64°F). Spring sale : keep frost free at 5-7°C (41-45°F) and raise to 10-12°C (50-54°F) 4 weeks before sale.

## light (I)

Bellis is daylength neutral.

# **CULTIVATION TIPS**

Autumn flowering: sow in summer (NL week 27-30).

Eary spring flowering:

sow in autumn (NL week 40-44). - Don't fertilize after late summer. Plants take up minerals at 5 °C (41ºF). In spring fertilize 150-200 ppm N of a potassium balanced fertilizer (N : K2Oratio: 1:1,5).

# NOTE

- New selections do not need cold for flower induction; check variety descriptions.

- Temperatures above 12 °C will result in big foliage growth, thin flower stems and missing flowering initiation.

- Temperatures below 6 °C delay flower development.

PGR

PGR's are optional. PGR for EU is Tilt (propiconazole) at 200 to 300 ppm. Otherwise: Daminozide 1,000-2,000 ppm Spray. Avoid leaf damage. Maintain standard concentration and spray more frequently if needed.

moisture levels (m): 1 = dry 2 = normal to dry 3 = normal 4 = moist 5 = wet

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