# **Myosotis Blue Memory**

Myosotis alpestris

- Lovely Forget-Me-Not, well-suited for cut flower production
- Single, bright blue flowers along the stems and fresh green foliage
- Several branches per plant, with sufficient stem length
- Easy to plan and flowers profusely with high quality flower stems



# Myosotis alpestris — Cultivation manual

# Cut flower culture

| Culture location: | greenhouse / open field |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Sowing method     | DS/TP                   |
| Sowing season     | mid spring/early summer |
|                   | (depending on culture)  |
| Germ temp.        | 20-22°C (68-72°F)       |
| Growing temp.     | 15-21°C (59-70°F)       |
|                   |                         |

Plug crop time 4 weeks

#### **Crop duration**

3 to 6 months from sowing (greenhouse), depending on regional climate conditions.

**Seed requirement** 3 gr for 1000 plants 75 gr for 100 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Pests/diseases

Aphids, mildew, rust. Treat preventatively.

#### Fertilization (f)

Fertilization in plug stage: nitratebased fertilizer, low on phosphorous. Otherwise: normal requirement.

# Sowing details

#### Direct sowing (DS):

Sowing: press seed into earth In rows: 15 cm apart Cover : do not cover Germination time 14-21 days

#### Pre-sow and transplant (TP):

Soil : standard sowing mix, pH 5,6-5,8, < 0.7 EC Sow : 1 seed per plug (tray 288 or larger) Cover : no

**Days 1 - 5** (m) moist, RH 95/97% (t) 20-22°C (68-72°F) (l) -

#### Days 6 - 12 (m) normal to moist (t) day : 18-24°C (64-75°F) night: 15-18°C (59-64°F) (l) 27.000 lux (2500 fc) (f) < 100 ppm N\*, < 0.7 EC

#### Days 13 - 24

(m) normal to moist
(t) day : 15-21°C (59-70°F)
night: 13-15°C (55-59°F)
(l) 27.000 lux (2500 fc)
(f) < 100 ppm N\*, < 0.7 EC</li>

# **Growing on**

#### Soil/media

Well-drained humous soil with a pH of 5,6-5,8 and an EC of 0.7-1.2 EC

Netting Netting is optional.

**Pinching** Pinching is not required.

#### **Plants density** 15 x 15 cm

Moisture (m) Normal requirement, plants should not

#### Temperature (t)

15-21°C (59-70°F) or lower. See note.

- Myosotis is a hardy biennial plant; it can stand frost to max. -17°C (0°F).

#### Light (l)

wilt

High light/full sun.

# **Cultivation tips**

 During winter the foliage may turn brown; this does not cause damage. It disappears when the temperature raises over 8°C (45°F).

# Notes

 Flowering time is slightly faster under warmer temperatures and slower under cooler conditions.

### Harvest

 Harvest when the first flowers are open.

For post harvest treatments, see: <a href="http://www.vbn.nl/en/list-pre-treatments/">www.vbn.nl/en/list-pre-treatments/</a>

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