Asclepias (Butterfly Weed)

**30ct Plug**
- Container: Trade 1 Gallon Container
- Finish: 9-11 weeks
- When To Plant: Spring to late spring

**72ct Plug**
- Container: Trade 1 Gallon Container
- Finish: 8-10 weeks
- When To Plant: Late summer to early fall

**Grade #1 Bare Root**
- Container: Trade 1 Gallon Container
- Finish: 8-10 weeks
- When To Plant: Spring to late spring

**Growing Temperature:**
60-65° F

**Soil pH:**
5.8-6.2

**Fertility:**
Fertilize at 75-100 ppm N at each watering.

**Pests and Diseases:**
- Crown and root rot (Sclerotium), web blight and root rot (Rhizoctonia), leaf spots (Phyllosticta), rust (Puccinia), Cucumber Mosaic virus (CMV).

**Moisture:**
For bare root keep bone dry until plants break dormancy, then water evenly. Established plants should be watered moderately, then allowed to dry slightly between waterings.

**Lighting:**
Asclepias requires long days (14 hours) to break dormancy.

**Holding Temperature:**
50-60° F

**EC Level:**
1.5-2.5 pour through method

**Vernalization:**
6-9 weeks of temperatures below 40° F are recommended to produce a quality flowering plant.

**Potting and Timing:**
- Root Trimming: Asclepias has a taproot which can be trimmed to fit the container.

**Planting Level:**
Plant ‘high’ so crown protrudes above soil line.

**PGRs/Pinching:**
Plants can be sheared to promote lateral branching.

**Other Comments:**
In the garden, Asclepias is very slow to break dormancy.

**Grower Tips:**
Provide a high light and drier growing environment.