

# Baptisia (False Indigo)

## 72ct Plug

### Container:

Premium 2 Gallon Pot

### Finish:

Best planting option for 1 or 2 gallon pots.

All summer required for finish.

Vernalize as directed.

### When To Plant:

Late spring to early summer

### Notes:

Plant slightly deep with crown 1/2 inch below soil.

## Grade #1 Bare Root

### Container:

Premium 2 Gallon Pot

### Finish:

6"/Gallon - 8-12 wks; 10-12"-8-12 wks

### When To Plant:

Late winter to late spring

## Growing Temperature:

Rooting out and Growing on 55-60° F

## Soil pH:

5.8-6.5

## Fertility:

Requires 100-150 ppm fertilizer for optimal growth.

## Pests and Diseases:

Leaf spots, powdery mildews (Erysiphe and Microshaera), rust (Puccinia), root rots.

## Moisture:

Water well after planting and increase watering as the foliage emerges. Dry to moderate moisture levels.

## Planting Level:

Place crown just below soil surface. All eyes should be slightly covered.

## PGRs/Pinching:

Drench with uniconazole at 1 ppm once plants reach 6 inches in height.

Toning sprays at 5 ppm can be applied later if more control is needed. Best height control is growing Baptisia under cooler temperatures.

## Holding Temperature:

40-50° F

## EC Level:

2.0-3.0 pour through method

## Vernalization:

8-10 weeks if planted from plugs during early summer.

## Potting and Timing:

Generously graded bare root plants should bloom the first year.

Plugs can be planted in late spring to early summer and sold the following spring. This option yields the greatest number of stems per pot.

Forcing plants under cool temperatures will help control height and will intensify flower color but may increase crop time.

Baptisia will flower in 8-10 weeks at 50-60° F.

## Lighting:

Provide high light levels. Grow under clear poly or outdoors.

## Grower Tips:

Do not pinch vernalized Baptisia before they flower.

Pay attention to the planting depths of bare root and plugs.

It is recommended to plant bare root in 2 gallon containers as these have the depth needed to support the plant.

If a 1 gallon container is desired, roots can be trimmed to fit the container.

1 gallon containers will have a short shelf life due to the massive root system that develops.



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