Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)

30ct Plug

Container:
Trade 1 Gallon Container
Finish:
6-7 weeks
When To Plant:
Early to late spring or early summer

72ct Plug

Container:
Trade 1 Gallon Container
Finish:
7-9 weeks
When To Plant:
Early to late spring or early summer

Growing Temperature:
62-68° F

Soil pH:
5.8-6.4

Fertility:
Maintain a moderate fertility rate by applying 250-300 ppm of a well-balanced fertilizer with every other irrigation.

Potting and Timing:
Pot in early to late spring in a well-drained media.

Moisture:
Keep Gaillardia on the dry side.

Avoid overhead watering.

Lighting:
Grow under high light levels. Gaillardia prefers long days with more than 12 hours of light.

Holding Temperature:
50-60° F

EC Level:
1.5-2.0 pour through method

Vernalization:
Not required.

Pests and Diseases:
Leaf spot (Septoria), powdery mildew (Erysiphe, Sphaerotheca), bacterial blight (Pseudomonas), leaf smut (Entyloma), Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus (INSV), aster yellows.

Planting Level:
At crown level.

PGRs/Pinching:
Pinch buds during the first two weeks after transplanting. Once roots have established, apply Florel once at 500 ppm to develop breaks for a good plant structure. A B-Nine/Bonzi combination applied at a 3750/15 ppm rate is effective at controlling height. The first applications should be after bud set, but before stem elongation. A second application before the first bud opens is recommended. Spent flowers should be hard-pinched.

Grower Tips:
Avoid overhead watering and water early in the day to allow any moisture on the foliage to dry before the end of the day.

Growing under cooler temperatures forms a better and fuller plant.

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