

# Penstemon (Beardtongue)

## 72ct Plug

Container:

Premium 1 Gallon Pot

Finish:

10-12 weeks

When To Plant:

Late summer

Notes:

Plant small plugs in late summer, then vernalize.

## Grade #1 Bare Root

Container:

Premium 1 Gallon Pot

Finish:

6-8 weeks

When To Plant:

Late winter to spring

## Growing Temperature:

60-65° F

## Soil pH:

5.8-6.5

## Fertility:

Feed 100-150 ppm N at each watering.

## Pests and Diseases:

Aphids, thrip, and spider mites are the main pests of Penstemon.

Crown and root rots can be problematic if grown under improper conditions. A fungicide drench is recommended after planting bare root.

## Planting Level:

Plant crown even with soil line.

## Lighting:

High light levels produce the best looking plants. Direct sunlight outdoors is best for achieving the proper foliage color. Flowers under natural daylengths.

## Holding Temperature:

50-60° F

## EC Level:

1.5-2.5 pour through method

## Vernalization:

Provide 8 weeks of temperatures below 40° F.

## Potting and Timing:

Plant small plugs in late summer for bulking purposes.

Bare root is best for quick turn spring crops or larger containers such as 2-3 gallon.

## Moisture:

Moderate moisture

## PGRs/Pinching:

Daminozide (B-Nine/Dazide) at 2500 ppm or paclobutrazole (Bonzi) at 5-10 ppm are effective at controlling elongation.



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