

Campanula medium annuum

F1 Champion



Excellent, Trendy, Popular! Champion is a well-known and popular cut flower series, with an excellent vase life.

- ✿ Annual blooming habit; only requires day length manipulation and moderate growing temperatures (13°C)
- ✿ Champion can be cropped 8 to 12 months of the year, depending on geographical area



Indoor/Outdoor

GROUP -



70-80 cm



Cut Flower



800/gram; pellet



Cool, dry, airtight 8-10°C



Culture Guide

Plug Culture

- Stage 1** (days 1-10) Single sow pelleted seed into a plug using a sterile and well-drained media with a pH of 5.8 to 6.2. Cover the seed lightly with vermiculite and maintain high humidity and sufficient moisture to melt the pellet. Optimum germination temperature is 18-20°C. For the highest germination, maintain an even temperature of 20°C for four days after sowing.
- Stage 2** (days 11-21) After the seedlings emerge, place the plug trays in a bright and cool greenhouse with good air circulation. Maintain moderate air temperature 20-22°C to avoid stress and prevent rosetting. Apply a light feed of 100 ppm N using a well-balanced fertilizer.
- Stage 3** (days 22-34) Seedlings are beginning to fill in the plug tray. Maintain moderate air temperatures of 18°C days and 15°C at night to avoid stress and prevent rosetting. Fertilize as needed to maintain a media EC of 0.7 to 1.0 using a well-balanced fertilizer. The use of calcium nitrate-based fertilizer is beneficial in building strong and healthy seedlings.
- Stage 4** (day 35) Seedlings should now have 2-3 leaves and are now ready to transplant into cut flower beds. 'Campanula medium', as a species, possesses a tap root structure and root bound plants will not produce a healthy and strong plant. In order to maximize stem length, do not delay transplanting.

Plant Culture

Media Select a bed with good drainage and a soil that is high in organic matter. For best results, plant in full sun in a greenhouse with good ventilation.

Transplanting Single stem: 12.5 cm x 12.5 cm.
Multi stem: 25 cm x 25 cm.
Single-stem production will be more quickly and is recommended for greenhouse production. Multi-stem production is best for outdoors or in a cold frame. Campanula Champion series grows 60-75 cm tall. Support is recommended to avoid damage to plants during windy periods; especially for single stem production.

Watering After transplanting, do not allow the plants to dry out to prevent tip burn on the leaves.

Temperature Ideal growing temperature is 13-16°C.

Fertilizer Campanula is not a heavy feeder. Use a well-balanced calcium nitrate-based feed to maintain a soil EC of 0.7 to 1.0 mmhos (1:2 slurry). A lack of boron will cause distortion and tip abortion. A lack of iron will cause tip burn on the leaves.

Lighting Campanula is a long-day-response-plant and will require lighting for Winter flowering. Light the plants when they have 8 to 10 true leaves, (4 to 5 weeks after transplanting), using "mum lighting" from 10 pm to 2 am for 40-45 days. No supplemental lighting is required for a late Spring flowering (transplanting in mid February). Provide short day conditions (>12 hours) from sowing until 4-5 weeks following transplant to ensure sufficient vegetative growth.

Crop schedule	In general, Campanula 'Champion' flowers in 130-150 days from sowing. An early August sowing will yield cut flowers in late December to early January if the night temperature is maintained at a minimum of 10°C on the growing point and the crop is lighted for 40-45 days starting 4 to 5 weeks after transplanting. For late Spring to early Summer flowering, from a February sowing, no day-length manipulation is necessary.
Post harvest handling	Cut stems when two or three lower buds are open. Place stems in tepid water and keep in a cool spot, in an upright position, to avoid stem bending. Use of flower food is highly recommended.

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