

Marigold (African) Marvel F₁ Series

(*Tagetes erecta*)

Annuals Culture (revised 03/14/17)

Plug crop time: 3 weeks

Transplant to finish: 7 to 8 weeks

- Best intermediate-height African Marigold on the market is ideal for landscaper programs.
- Performance-tested tolerance to *Botrytis*.
- Extra-sturdy stems won't break in shipping or poor weather.
- Initiates flowering faster under short days, blooming as soon as 60 days from sowing.

General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Spring, Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer	18 in. (46 cm)	10 in. (25 cm)	8-10 in. (20-25 cm)

Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days to Germinate	Initial Media pH/EC	Cover Seed
COT, DTL	288	1	3-4	2-3	6.2-6.5 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	Yes

Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 3	Level 3
Temperature	70-72°F (21-22°C)	68-72°F (20-22°C)	68-72°F (20-22°C)	65-70°F (18-21°C)
Light	Optional	2,500 f.c. (26,900 Lux)	2,500 f.c. (26,900 Lux)	5,000 f.c. (53,800 Lux)
Fertilizer	Less than 100 ppm N - Less than 0.7 EC	Less than 100 ppm N - Less than 0.7 EC	100 to 175 ppm N - 0.7 to 1.2 EC	100 to 175 ppm N - 0.7 to 1.2 EC

Propagation Key Tips

Maintain soil pH of 6.2 to 6.5 to avoid iron toxicity. Higher temperatures inhibit germination, shorten crop time and cause stretching. PGRs are not generally required.

Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 65-68°F (18-20°C) (night) 60-62°F (16-17°C)	6.2-6.5 pH 1.2-1.5 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N - 1.2 to 1.5 EC	Facultative Short Day

Daylength Notation

Will flower quicker when the daylength is 12 hours or shorter. When grown at daylength longer than 12 hours, it will take an additional 10 to 14 days to flower.

Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plants/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	7-8 (weeks)	Spring	-

Fertilizer Notation

Starting 1 week after transplant, apply fertilizer at rate 3 (175 to 225 ppm N/1.2 to 1.5 mS/cm) using a predominantly nitrate-based fertilizer with low phosphorus. Maintain the media EC at 1.5 to 2.0 mS/cm and pH at 6.2 to 6.5. For constant fertilizer program, can apply fertilizer at rate 2 (100 to 175 ppm N/0.7 to 1.2 mS/cm) while maintaining the above recommended EC and pH ranges.

Common Problems

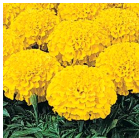
Insects: Monitor for Aphids early in production, and for Thrips and Mites during flowering.

Finishing Key Tips

Maintain soil pH of 6.2 to 6.5 to avoid iron toxicity. Plant Growth Regulators: PGRs are not required when grown under short days, since plants will finish naturally shorter. Treat with PGRs when grown under long days. Daminozide at 5,000 ppm applied twice as a foliar spray can control the plant growth. In northwestern Europe, use daminozide at 1,300 to 2,000 ppm.

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as a starting point. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year, and greenhouse environmental conditions. Chemical and PGR recommendations are only guidelines. It is the responsibility of the applicator to read and follow all the current label directions for the specific chemical being used in accordance with all regulations.

Variety Pictures



Gold



Orange



Yellow



Mixture

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