

Zinnia Zahara® XL Series

(*Zinnia marylandica*)

Annuals Culture (revised 02/11/17)

Plug crop time: 3 weeks

Transplant to finish: Spring 8 to 9 weeks, Summer 5 to 6 weeks

- The ideal choice for pro landscape programs: tremendous disease resistance for reliable, season-long performance...more vigour and larger blooms for quick fill...taller plants assure versatile uses and high visual appeal.
- Available in bright colours for the landscape or impulse buys at retail, including Yellow and Pink.
- Suitable for pot-tight production of 4-in./10-cm pots up to gallon containers.

General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Spring, Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer, Autumn	18-24 in. (46-61 cm)	18-24 in. (46-61 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, RAW	288	1	3	2-3	5.8-6.2 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	Light cover

Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 3-4	Level 3
Temperature	68-73°F (20-23°C)	70-75°F (21-24°C)	70-75°F (21-24°C)	65-70°F (18-21°C)
Light	Optional	1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)
Fertilizer	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
PGR	daminozide/3,500 ppm/Spray			

Propagation Key Tips

Avoid excessive moisture on plants and flowers. Monitor for Botrytis.

Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 65-70°F (18-21°C) (night) 60-65°F (16-18°C)	5.5-6.2 pH 1.2-1.5 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N - 1.2 to 1.5 EC	Facultative Short Day

Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plants/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	8-9 (weeks)	Spring	daminozide 3,500 ppm Spray
5"/6"/1 Gallon	3 (ppp)	8-9 (weeks)	Spring	daminozide 3,500 ppm Spray
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Summer	daminozide 3,500 ppm Spray
5"/6"/1 Gallon	3 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Summer	daminozide 3,500 ppm Spray

Common Problems

Insects: Monitor for Aphids early in production and Thrips during flowering. Disease: Avoid high humidity and condensation in the greenhouse, as these conditions are favorable for Botrytis and Powdery Mildew incidence.

Finishing Key Tips

Avoid excessive moisture on plants and flowers. Monitor for Botrytis.

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



Fire Improved



Pink



White



Yellow

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