GrowerFacts Extra Tuberous Begonias

Additional Culture Research from

PanAmerican Seed.

INTRODUCTION

The goal of this research was to determine what daylength at plug stage is needed to inhibit tuber formation.



Tuberous Begonia AmeriHybrid® Roseform Rose

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Plugs after 2 weeks exposure.

Tuberous Begonia AmeriHybrid® Ruffled Yellow

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4 weeks after transplant, plants were significantly smaller and un-uniform from only 10 hours plug treatment.



Tuberous Begonias Daylength Response Presented, 2020

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CONCLUSION

- Once tubers are formed, the plant goes dormant and will not flower.
- Tuber formation can also cause variation in a batch after transplant.
- If growers in northern areas have very short days, they should give additional light to prevent tuber formation.

RECOMMENDATION

 If you don't have natural daylight of 12 hours or more, give additional light to plants from plug stage until you have 12 hours daylight.



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