# GrowerFacts Extra Ornamental Millet

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#### INTRODUCTION

Determine culture for ornamental millet varieties.



Purple Majesty



Purple Baron



Jester



Jade Princess



**Copper Prince** 

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#### YOUNG PLANT CULTURE

- Ornamental Millet can be stunted or slowed in production when the plugs used are smaller than 128, or root bound at transplant.
- Direct sow results in the fastest finish and fullest plants. 3 seeds per gallon. Crop time is decreased by 2 weeks.

Transplant vs Direct Sow

Transplanted 3 weeks after sowing



288 cell 200 cell 128 cell

72 cell 50 cell Direct Sow

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Control

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#### FINISH CULTURE

### PGR response

- 2 applications of paclobutrazol are preferred.
- When direct sown, 3-5 ppm drench at 4 and 6 weeks from sow.
- When using plugs, treat at 1 week after transplant.
- Adjust rates for vigor of the variety.
   Purple Majesty is the most vigorous, Jade Princess the least.



Florel 500ppm

spray

Bonzi 4ppm

drench

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#### FINISH CULTURE

- Ornamental Millet Jade Princess is sensitive to cold temperatures
- Plants will appear stunted, pale and exhibit weak growth



Grown Warm/Optimal Days 68-85°F Nights 64-66°F