Annuals Culture (revised 11/08/23)

GrowerFacts

Verbena Quartz XP Series

(Verbena x hybrida)

Plug crop time: 4 weeks

Transplant to finish: Spring 6 to 8 weeks, Summer 5 to 7 weeks

- Quartz XP verbenas are more uniform with overall longer garden performance than competing varieties.
- Delivers a tight, 7-day flowering window, earlier and significantly better branching, and reduced internode length.
- Strong seed quality, high germination and great young plant vigour assure superior performance in packs and 4-in./10-cm pots.
- · Slightly spreading, mounded plants make brilliant beds and trail over the edges of mixed containers.

General Information

| Exposure | Bloom Season | Height | Spread | Spacing |
|----------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sun | Spring, Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer, Autumn | 8-10 in. (20-25 cm) | 10-12 in. (25-30 cm) | 10-14 in. (25-36 cm) |

Germination

| Seed Form | Recommended Plug Size | Seeds/Cell | Plug Crop Weeks | Days from 50% to maximum germination | Initial Media pH/EC (1:2) | Cover Seed |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| PRM, RAW | 288 | 1 | 4-5 | 4-6 | 5.8-6.2 pH 0.5-0.7 mmhos/cm | Yes |

Plug Production

| | Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4 |
|-------------|----------------------|---|---|---|
| Moisture | Level 3 | Level 4 | Level 3-4 | Level 3-4 |
| Temperature | 72-75°F (22-24°C) | 70-72°F (21-22°C) | 68-70°F (20-21°C) | 68-70°F (20-21°C) |
| Light | Optional | 1,500-2,500 f.c. (16,100-26,900 Lux) | 1,500-2,500 f.c. (16,100-26,900 Lux) | 2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux) |
| Fertiliser | | 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

Avoid excessive moisture in plug media during germination Stage 1. If needed, 1 to 3 applications of B-Nine/Alar (daminozide) at 1,250 ppm (1.5 g/l 85% formulation or 2 g/l 64% formulation) spray has been tested and shown to be effective. In warmer climates, it is also possible to apply A-rest (ancymidol) at 10 ppm (37.6 ml/l, 0.0264% formulation) as a foliar spray.

Growing on to Finish

| Growing on Temperature | Target Media pH/EC (1:2) | Fertiliser | Daylength |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| (day) 65-70°F (18-21°C) | 5.5-6.2 pH | 175 to 225 ppm N | Facultative Long Day |
| (night) 60°F (16°C) | 1.5-2.0 mmhos/cm | (1.2 to 1.5 EC) | |

Crop Scheduling

| Container Size | Plugs/Pot | Crop Time | Season | PGR |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-----|
| Cell Pack | 1 (ppp) | 6-8 (weeks) | Spring | - |
| Cell Pack | 1 (ppp) | 5-7 (weeks) | Summer | - |

Fertiliser Notation

Use a predominantly nitrate-based fertilizer with low phosphorus. If needed, a balanced ammonium and nitrate-based fertilizer may be used as needed to encourage growth and balance the media pH.

Finishing Key Tips

Growth Regulators: For warm climates B-Nine/Alar (daminozide) at 3,500 ppm applied as foliar spray or 2 applications of A-Rest (ancymidol) at 20 ppm as a foliar spray. For Northern European conditions 2 to 3 applications plus 3,200 B-Nine/Alar at 3,200 ppm plus Cycocel (chormequat) at 375 ppm is recommended.

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as guidelines only. PanAmerican Seed recommends that growers conduct a trial of products under their own conditions. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year, and greenhouse environmental conditions. It is the responsibility of the grower to confirm the treatment is available in their region as well as read and follow all the current label directions relating to the products. Nothing herein shall be deemed a warranty or guaranty by PanAmerican Seed of any products listed herein. PanAmerican Seed's terms and conditions of sale shall apply to all products listed herein.

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Mixture