

## Ornamental Corn Pink Zebra

(*Zea mays*)

Annuals Culture (revised 02/22/19)

**Plug crop time:** 1 to 2 weeks

**Transplant to finish:** Late Spring 4 to 6 weeks, Autumn 3 to 5 weeks

- Grow late Summer and Autumn sales with the only dwarf variegated ornamental corn on the market. Home gardeners will love the dramatic colour and texture in their late-season mixed planters and gardens, and fresh market farmers will captivate their customers, too!
- Green and white striped foliage adds showy purples/red/pinks in cool nights/long days.
- Better tillering in Autumn than other ornamental corns – each stalk produces many small ears with purple kernels and tassels.
- Great for quarts and gallons, with fast finish from plugs or direct sown.

### General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer, Autumn	48-60 in. (122-152 cm)	12-18 in. (30-46 cm)	6-18 in. (15-46 cm)

### Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days to Germinate	Initial Media pH/EC	Cover Seed
RAW	72 128	1-2 1-2	2-3 1-2	2-3	5.5-6.3 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	Heavy cover

### Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
<b>Moisture</b>	Level 4-5	Level 3-4	Level 2-3	Level 2-3
<b>Temperature</b>	72-78°F (22-26°C)	68-72°F (20-22°C)	68-72°F (20-22°C)	68-72°F (20-22°C)
<b>Light</b>	Optional	2,500 f.c. (26,900 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)
<b>Fertilizer</b>	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

Plugs allowed to become rootbound or stressed by drought or nutrient deficiency will delay foliage stripe color appearance after transplant. Seed may also be direct sown to the final container at 2 seeds per cell, reducing total crop time by 2 weeks.

### Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 68-85°F (20-29°C) (night) 64-68°F (18-20°C)	5.5-6.5 pH 1.5-2.0 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N - 1.2 to 1.5 EC	-

### Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	4-5 (weeks)	Late Spring	-
5"/6"/1 Gallon	1 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Late Spring	-
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	3-4 (weeks)	Autumn	-
5"/6"/1 Gallon	1 (ppp)	4-5 (weeks)	Autumn	-

## Finishing Key Tips

Foliage will exhibit variegation after 5-6 true leaves emerge. Cool night temperatures between 50-60°F (10-16°C) can change foliage color from green to red purple at salable stage. Best to expose plants to cold just prior to finishing to prevent slow down of growth. Works well in a mix combination, transplant into container 3-4 weeks prior to finish or direct sow 6-7 weeks prior to container finish date. High light levels will increase stem thickness and increase basal tillering. Small pot crop times are based on saleable foliage plants without flower spikes. Dwarf variety will stay compact, but if necessary, Bonzi 5 ppm drench or Topflor 3 ppm drench can be applied 2 weeks after transplant.

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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