

## Pepper (Ornamental) Harlequin

(*Capsicum annuum*)

Potted Plants Culture (revised 01/18/21)

- Unique assortment is bred for shorter production times.
- Compact growth means no PGRs are needed.
- Good retail shelf life.
- Excellent indoor/outdoor performance.

### General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Summer	8 in. (20 cm)	6-8 in. (15-20 cm)	

### Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days to Germinate	Initial Media pH/EC (1:2)	Cover Seed
RAW	288	1	4-5	5-6	5.4-5.8 pH 0.8-1.2 mmhos/cm	No

### Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
<b>Moisture</b>	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 2-4	Level 2-4
<b>Temperature</b>	70-73°F (21-23°C)	68-70°F (20-21°C)	68-70°F (20-21°C)	68-70°F (20-21°C)
<b>Light</b>	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)
<b>Fertilizer</b>	Less than 100 ppm N (Less than 0.7 EC)	100 to 175 ppm N (0.7 to 1.2 EC)	175 to 225 ppm N (1.2 to 1.5 EC)	175 to 225 ppm N (1.2 to 1.5 EC)
<b>PGR</b>		daminozide/2,000 ppm/Spray	daminozide/2,000 ppm/Spray	

### Propagation Key Tips

Apply daminozide 2,000 ppm spray 10 days after sowing, when cotyledons are fully expanded. Repeat 7 to 10 days later as needed. Alternatively for more vigorous varieties, use uniconazole 2.5 ppm spray 14 days after sowing, repeated 14 days later as needed. To bench germ: Make sure trays are watered before covering. Flat covering: first place one layer of reemay, then one layer of white plastic on top of that. Remove plastic after 8 to 10 days. Keep reemay wet. Remove reemay after another 2 to 3 days.

### Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC (1:2)	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 68-80°F (20-27°C) (night) 66-70°F (19-21°C)	5.5-5.9 pH 1.8-2.5 mmhos/cm	More than 300 ppm N (More than 2.0 EC)	Day Neutral

### Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
4"/4.5"/Quart	1 (ppp)	13-14 (weeks)	Autumn	chlormequat chloride 1,000 ppm Spray

## Fertilizer Notation

Especially when plants are grown very dry, it's important to use higher EC approximately once a week when plants are watered from below. Ensure sufficient Ca by the end of the crop.

## Common Problems

The most common pest with capsicum is Thrips. We recommend putting up sticky cards (1 per 20-ft./6-m table).

## Finishing Key Tips

Plant plugs deeply. Water from below to keep surface of media dry. Grow plants dry until flowering, allowing slight wilt between watering. This will reduce stretch. PGR has negative side-effects on fruit-setting. A minimum of 2,000 Lux is recommended when supplemental lighting is being used.

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.

## Variety Pictures

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