

## Zinnia Elegant™ Series

(*Zinnia elegans* (syn. *Zinnia violaceae*))

Annuals Culture (revised 12/02/24)

**Plug crop time:** 3 to 4 weeks

**Transplant to finish:** 6 to 7 weeks

- Premade colour mixes blend harmoniously.
- Fully double flowers are always garden favourites.
- Can fill containers or be planted in beds en masse.
- Pollinator friendly, great choice for children's gardens!

### General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer, Autumn	16-22 in. (41-56 cm)	16-22 in. (41-56 cm)	10-12 in. (25-30 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
COT	288	1	3-4	2-3	5.8-6.2 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	Yes

### Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
<b>Moisture</b>	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 3-4	Level 3-4
<b>Temperature</b>	68-73°F (20-23°C)	68-75°F (20-24°C)	68-75°F (20-24°C)	65-70°F (18-21°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>Fertiliser</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)
<b>PGR</b>			daminozide/2,500 ppm/Spray	daminozide/2,500 ppm/Spray

### Propagation Key Tips

Do not hold the plugs too long, as this may cause delay in flowering.

### Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC (1:2)	Fertiliser	Daylength
(day) 70-85°F (21-29°C) (night) 60-68°F (16-20°C)	5.5-6.0 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	225 to 300 ppm N (1.5 to 2.0 EC)	Facultative Short Day

### Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Spring	daminozide 1,500-3,500 ppm Spray
5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Spring	daminozide 1,500-3,500 ppm Spray
4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Late Spring	paclobutrazol 5 ppm Drench
5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Late Spring	paclobutrazol 5 ppm Drench

## Common Problems

Avoid moisture/humidity condensation in the greenhouse, as this can cause Botrytis. A preventative fungicide program is recommended for powdery mildew control.

## Finishing Key Tips

Growth regulators are recommended for pack and container production. Foliar sprays of daminozide at 1,500-3,500 ppm (rate dependent on temperature) applied 2 to 3 times are beneficial for Elegant zinnia. First application can be done 1 week after transplant, followed by a second application 1 week later. If necessary, a third application can be done 3 to 4 weeks after transplant. Adjust PGR rates and frequency of application depending on local conditions. Keep light as high as possible. A DLI below 8 mol·m<sup>-2</sup>·d<sup>-1</sup> reduces flower doubleness on this crop.

**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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Full Mixture



Hot Mixture



Soft Mixture



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