# GrowerFacts

# ColorGrass® Stipa Pony Tails

(Stipa tenuissima)

Annuals Culture (revised 10/18/24)

Plug crop time: 5 to 6 weeks Transplant to finish: 7 to 10 weeks

Upright grass has fine, needlelike green foliage, with silky green flowers in July that mature to golden blonde.

## **General Information**

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Late Summer, Autumn	16-24 in. (41-61 cm)	24 in. (61 cm)	61-91 in. (155-231 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
MPL	288	1	4-5	4-5	5.8-6.2 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	No

## **Plug Production**

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 2-3	Level 2-3
Temperature	64-75°F (18-24°C)	65-70°F (18-21°C)	65-70°F (18-21°C)	65-67°F (18-19°C)
Light	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)
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)

#### **Fertiliser Notation**

Use a nitrate-based fertilizer with low phosphorus.

# **Growing on to Finish**

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC (1:2)	Fertiliser	Daylength
(day) 62-74°F (17-23°C)	5.5-6.2 pH	175 to 225 ppm N	Day Neutral
(night) 59-64°F (15-18°C)	1.2-1.5 mmhos/cm	(1.2 to 1.5 EC)	

# **Crop Scheduling**

Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
306 Pack/1801	1 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Spring	-
4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Spring	-
5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	3 (ppp)	6-7 (weeks)	Spring	-

### **Fertiliser Notation**

Use a nitrate-based fertiliser with low phosphorus; avoid using excessive ammonia, nitrogen-based fertiliser and overfeeding, as these will result in less upright plants.

### **Common Problems**

Insects: Aphids, especially after Winter regrowth Too high feed and watering, results in floppy plants

### **Finishing Key Tips**

Grow relatively dry and with low to moderate fertilisation, to have optimal upright growth.

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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