# **GrowerFacts**

# Coreopsis SunKiss

(Coreopsis grandiflora)

Perennials Culture (revised 01/11/21)

Plug crop time: 5 to 7 weeks Transplant to finish: 9 to 10 weeks

- · A colour breakthrough in seed C. grandiflora: SunKiss is the brightest yellow with large blotch available.
- · Larger, deep red blotch and larger flowers than Sunfire.
- Controlled habit fewer PGRs needed, or no PGRs in certain conditions.
- · Well-branched and floriferous.
- Excellent heat-tolerant plant for novice and expert gardeners alike reliable, easy to grow and the colour blends well with almost
  everything.

#### **General Information**

| Exposure | Bloom Season                     | Height                  | Spread                  | Spacing           |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Sun      | Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer | 12-14 in.<br>(30-36 cm) | 14-16 in.<br>(36-41 cm) | 20 in.<br>(51 cm) |

#### Germination

| Seed Form | Recommended<br>Plug Size | Seeds/Cell | Plug Crop Weeks | Days from 50% to maximum germination | Initial Media<br>pH/EC (1:2) | Cover Seed  |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| PRM       | 288<br>128*              | 1-2<br>2-4 | 5-7<br>7-8      | 3-5                                  | 5.8-6.2 pH<br>0.75 mmhos/cm  | Light cover |

<sup>\*</sup> Recommend plug size for forcing.

# **Plug Production**

|             | Stage 1              | Stage 2                                   | Stage 3                                   | Stage 4                                   |
|-------------|----------------------|---|---|---|
| Moisture    | Level 4              | Level 3-4                                 | Level 2-3                                 | Level 1-2                                 |
| Temperature | 65-68°F<br>(18-20°C) | 65-68°F<br>(18-20°C)                      | 60-65°F<br>(16-18°C)                      | 60-65°F<br>(16-18°C)                      |
| Light       | Optional             | 6-8 mol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup>  | 8-10 mol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> | 8-10 mol·m <sup>-2</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> |
| Fertiliser  |                      | Less than 100 ppm N<br>(Less than 0.7 EC) | 100 to 175 ppm N<br>(0.7 to 1.2 EC)       | 175 to 225 ppm N<br>(1.2 to 1.5 EC)       |

#### Vernalisation

No

## **Propagation Key Tips**

Critical Daylength: 12.5 hours.

Short day (at 10 hours) bulk needed for forcing. For forcing info: See Perennials Forcing Guide.

1 seed for 288/3 to 4 seeds for 84. Plug PGRs: For Spring production, no PGRs needed. For Summer production under long day conditions, can use B-Nine/Alar (1,500 to 2,500 ppm spray). Short day bulk not needed for Autumn sales.

## **Growing on to Finish**

| Growing on<br>Temperature | Target Media<br>pH/EC (1:2) | Fertiliser       | Daylength         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| (day) 60-70°F (16-21°C)   | 5.8-6.2 pH                  | 175 to 225 ppm N | Obligate Long Day |
| (night) 55-60°F (13-16°C) | 1.2-1.5 mmhos/cm            | (1.2 to 1.5 EC)  |                   |

### **Daylength Notation**

Long day required - minimum 12.5 hours.

## **Crop Scheduling**

| Crop Type | Container Size       | Plugs/Pot | Crop Time     | Season                       | PGR                              |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Annual    | 4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm  | 1 (ppp)   | 9-10 (weeks)  | Summer, ADT 72°F (22°C)      | daminozide 5,000 ppm Spray       |
| Forcing   | 4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm  | 1 (ppp)   | 9-10 (weeks)  | Late Spring, ADT 72°F (22°C) | daminozide 2,500-5,000 ppm Spray |
| Forcing   | 4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm  | 1 (ppp)   | 10-11 (weeks) | Autumn, ADT 72°F (22°C)      | daminozide 2,500-5,000 ppm Spray |
| Forcing   | 5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm | 1-3 (ppp) | 10-11 (weeks) | Late Spring, ADT 72°F (22°C) | daminozide 2,500-5,000 ppm Spray |
| Forcing   | 5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm | 1-3 (ppp) | 10-11 (weeks) | Autumn, ADT 72°F (22°C)      | daminozide 2,500-5,000 ppm Spray |
| Annual    | 5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm | 1-3 (ppp) | 10-11 (weeks) | Summer, ADT 72°F (22°C)      | daminozide 5,000 ppm Spray       |

#### **Common Problems**

Insect: Aphid, Thrips, Whiteflies Disease: Powdery Mildew

#### **Finishing Key Tips**

Apply PGRs when buds are visible.

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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