

## Leucanthemum White Lion F<sub>1</sub>

(*Leucanthemum x superbum*)

Perennials Culture (revised 02/20/23)

### Complete your seed shasta Leucanthemum F1 package!

Use White Lion for early-Spring sales from overwintered production (previously only possible with vegetative varieties) and for Spring sales from annual production. White Lion has a critical daylength of only 10 hours.

Use Madonna for late Spring and Summer sales in long-day conditions. Madonna has a critical daylength of 14.5 hours.

Both offer better uniformity in height and habit over their seed counterparts, plus, they provide an excellent alternative to vegetative Leucanthemum with no vernalisation needed and no risk for bacterial infection. With these two options, you'll have easy-to-ship plants for early Spring into Summer on the bench and in the store.

**Plug crop time:** 5 to 6 weeks

**Transplant to finish:** annual, 9 to 12 weeks; overwintered, 18 to 26 weeks (18 in southern regions)

- The Spring Shasta! This unique compact seed Leucanthemum can be grown in short days (10-hour daylength requirement) – perfect for early Spring sales!
- An alternative to vegetative varieties that doesn't require vernalisation and has no risk of bacterial infection.
- Ideal for an annual production schedule. No supplemental lighting needed, flowers under natural days.
- Perfect for overwintered production in natural short days, finished under natural short days, when it will bulk more uniformly. No supplemental light or Night Interruption needed.
- No other seed variety offers this early programming solution!

## General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Early Spring, Spring, Late Spring, Summer, Late Summer	8-10 in. (20-25 cm)	8-12 in. (20-30 cm)	12 in. (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
RAW	288 72	1 4	6-7 7-8	4-10	5.5-6.2 pH 0.2-0.5 mmhos/cm	Optional

## Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
<b>Moisture</b>	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 2-3	Level 2-3
<b>Temperature</b>	68-77°F (20-25°C)	65-68°F (18-20°C)	65-68°F (18-20°C)	60-65°F (16-18°C)
<b>Light</b>	Optional	3,000-5,000 f.c. (32,300-53,800 Lux)	5,000-7,000 f.c. (53,800-75,300 Lux)	5,000-7,000 f.c. (53,800-75,300 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)

## Vernalisation

No

## Juvenility

About 10 true leaves.

## Fertiliser Notation

Use well-balanced Calcium Nitrate-based fertilizer. Do not give continuous feed to prevent high salt levels. Best to leach with fresh water periodically.

## Propagation Key Tips

Avoid high soluble salts. Provide an active climate, including air movement and relatively high light levels. Do not grow too long, as old plugs show irregular growing after transplant.

## Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC (1:2)	Fertiliser	Daylength
(day) 65-72°F (18-22°C) (night) 57-60°F (14-16°C)	5.5-6.2 pH 0.9-1.1 mmhos/cm	100 to 175 ppm N (0.7 to 1.2 EC)	Facultative Long Day

## Daylength Notation

Facultative Long Day Plant but very low sensitivity to daylength, with critical daylength at 10 hours.

To finish in early Spring, plant development does require sufficient temperature (ADT 44-50°F), meaning a southern Winter climate, to grow and finish in that early Spring.

## Crop Scheduling

Crop Type	Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
Overwinter	4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	18-19 (weeks)	Early Spring, ADT 65°F (18°C)	-
Annual	4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	9-10 (weeks)	Spring, ADT 68°F (20°C)	daminozide 2,500 ppm Spray
Overwinter	5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1-3 (ppp)	18-19 (weeks)	Early Spring, ADT 65°F (18°C)	-
Annual	5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1-3 (ppp)	10-11 (weeks)	Spring, ADT 68°F (20°C)	daminozide 2,500 ppm Spray

## Fertiliser Notation

Use a well-balanced Calcium Nitrate-based fertilizer. Fertilizer rate at 140 to 160 ppm. Do not use continuous feed to avoid high soluble salt levels. Best to leach with fresh water periodically.

## Chemical Sensitivity

Do not use Abamectin (trade name Avid/Vertimec) or allow it to be in contact (even gas from a neighboring compartment). This will kill the crop.

## Common Problems

Irregular growth can result from old plugs or high salt levels.

## Bulking Strategy

Grow under the recommended temperature. Produce for early Spring sales when natural daylength is short. To finish in early Spring, plant development does require sufficient temperature (ADT 44-50°F), meaning a southern Winter climate, to grow and finish in that early Spring. For annual production, Configure at a 300 ppm spray at a young stage can be used to promote branching.

## Finishing Key Tips

For 2 Gallon, use 3-4 plugs per pot. To finish in early Spring, plant development does require sufficient temperature (ADT 44-50°F), meaning a southern Winter climate, to grow and finish in that early Spring.

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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