

ZONAL GERANIUM PRODUCTION

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Finishing the Crop – Transplant into a well-drained, sterile media with a pH of 6.0-6.2. Although pinching is not necessary on many varieties, many growers pinch at the time of transplant. The use of Florel will also reduce or eliminate the need for pinching. Note: Stop the use of Florel at least 6 weeks prior to sale. For 5” containers and smaller, water thoroughly after transplant. Large containers should be watered to moisten approximately only the top 1/3 of the pot. Begin constant feed at 300 ppm (N) at the first watering after transplant. Monitor regularly for disease and pest infestations and treat as needed. Finish the crop at 68 degrees. Some growers will drop the temperature to 63-65 degrees to “toughen” the plant one week prior to sale. Size of the plant can be controlled with DIF or Cycocel.

ZONAL GERANIUM PRODUCTION SCHEDULE 4 ½” POT

(ADAPTED FOR ROOTED CUTTINGS)

Weeks 1-5

- Day 1 Transplant to finished container, water in, (pinch or apply Florel or not). If you use Florel, discontinue 7 weeks prior to desired ship date.
- Day 2-3 Begin constant feed at 300 ppm (N). This day should be determined by the first day for need of water after transplant.
- Day 40 Drop temperature to 62 degrees (if you wish to “harden” the crop for shipping)

Week 6

- Day 48 Ship finished 4 ½” pot: continue growing procedures for larger pots.