

# CULTURAL INFO



**BeeDance**<sup>®</sup>  
*Bee Friendly*



## How To Use

Beedance® is a bedding plant that can be used for hanging baskets, window or balcony boxes, patio pots and as a ground-cover. Duration of flowering for consumers is from April/May-November. Very showy.

## Flowering Characteristics

As bedding plants they need a good amount of light to be able to flower. Increased light levels and longer days stimulate the flowering. To get a nice full flowering pot with a flowering center it seems a must, to use a second pinch and in a style to cut the plant back deeply around the pot edges.

## Growing Scheme

### 10-14 cm pots

**Potting:** March-April.

**Rooting:** Bidens are fast growing and easy to root.

**1<sup>st</sup> pinching:** 2 weeks after potting (if the plant is high enough).

**2<sup>nd</sup> pinching:** Cut low around the pots edge, when the plant starts to have a correct size.

**Finishing time:** 2-3 months.

**Harvest:** End of April, May.

### Baskets, Use 3 Plugs

**Potting:** End of February, March.

**Rooting:** Bidens are fast growing and easy to root.

**1<sup>st</sup> pinching:** 2 weeks after potting (if the plant is high enough).

**Finishing time:** As from 2,5 months.

**Harvest:** End of April, May.

'An already pinched and branched plug can give an advantage in speed of finishing as well as plant quality'.

## Earliness Depends On

- Your average 24 hours temperature, the higher the faster.
- Potting date.
- Roughly we have calculated 10 weeks to finish Painted red and 8 weeks to finish Painted Yellow, growing in 10 cm in normal bedding plant season under dutch circumstances.

## Young Plants

Start with certified clean material from one of the official MNP flowers dealers.

## Potting Medium

Use a good quality bedding plant mixture that can contain enough moisture and has a good structure. pH of mixture can be around 5,5-6.0

## Potting

Any size pot can work, for baskets use 3 plugs/basket.



## Climate

**Temperature:** After potting, a higher temperature is preferred like 18 o C for around 2 weeks, this for the roots to grow out of the plug fast. Later a growing temperature between 10 and 16 o C can be used as a normal greenhouse temperature. For more speed you can add more temperature especially in the beginning of the culture without compromising too much on the quality. Of course growing very cold will delay the flowering time.

**Air humidity:** For a compact and hardier plant a low humidity of the air is preferred. This plant can grow very dense so enough ventilation is required to avoid Botrytis inside the bushy plant.

**Light:** The more light and the longer the day the better for flowering and growth.

**CO2:** Will probably react positive on higher CO2 levels.

## Watering

To get a compact plant it is wise not to water excessive. After the plant has grown to size be careful not to over-water on days when the crop does not dry well. The densely branched plants need to dry up also on the inner side of the plant.

## Fertilizing

Add continuously 1,5 grams/liter of a well balanced feeding program(=EC 1,5 mS) having all the elements including micro nutrients (also chelated iron). This is excluding the water EC 1.

## Growth regulating

- Beedance is not very hard to keep compact.
- Regulate the given water amount.
- Pinch once and cut back deep and around the pot edge.
- You can use cold morning strategy or negative DIF.
- Use growth regulators if needed and applicable on weekly basis.
- Give plants enough space and keep the environment dry.
- We have good experience with of Alar 3-4 grams per liter.

## Crop protection

Watch Botrytis inside the dense crop, adapt watering. In case of chemicals to be applied use Bee friendly ones.

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**Enjoy the growing of Beedance**

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