

# Regular Wholesale/Retail Forcing Guide (CTF) Direct from Field 2019-2020 Production Year

## WK 42-43 Oct. 14-25, 2019

### 1.0) Bulbs Arrive (see info on dipping bulbs)

- 1.1) Pot Bulbs. Fertilize with 400 ppm nitrogen from a balanced fertilizer.
- 1.2) Drench with fungicide for *Pythium*, *Phytophthora* and *Rhizoctonia sp.*
- 1.3) Root at 63°F media temperature and watch carefully for sprouting.

## WK 44-45 Oct 30.-Nov. 8, 2019

### 2.0) Start Cooling Treatment 42°F to 45°F-6 weeks

Watch carefully for sprouting to turn down if needed.

## WK 50-51 Dec. 11-20, 2019

### 3.0) Place plants in greenhouse at 62-64°F media temp

- 3.1) Fertilize with 400 ppm nitrogen from a balanced fertilizer.
- 3.2) Drench with fungicide for *Pythium*, *Phytophthora* and *Rhizoctonia sp.*

## WK 1 Dec. 30-Jan. 6, 2020

### 4.0) 90-100% of shoots should be emerged!

- 4.1) Sort. Increase temps on those slow to emerge.

## WK 4 Jan. 20-Jan. 24, 2020

### 5.0) Bud Initiation (Check for Stem Roots)

*Drop Temperature to 50-55 degrees F during bud initiation to increase bud count and reduce stress*

- 5.1) Drench with fungicide for *Pythium*, *Phytophthora* and *Rhizoctonia sp.*

## WK 5 Jan. 27-Feb. 3, 2020

### 6.0) Flower initiation is complete

- 6.1) Leaf count. See page 15.
- 6.2) Change day and night temperature to achieve desired leaf unfolding rate and DIF.
- 6.3) Apply growth retardants as needed.
- 6.4) Sort. Move slower plants to warmer benches.

## WK 8 Feb. 17-21, 2020

### 7.0) Spray Fascination to lower 1/2 of plant

- 7.1) Drench with fungicide for *Pythium*, *Phytophthora* and *Rhizoctonia sp.*

## WK 9-10 Feb. 26-Mar.6, 2020

### 8.0) Visible Bud Date Range

- 8.1) Space plants if possible.
- 8.2) Sort. Move slower plants to warmer benches.

## WK 11 Mar. 9, 2020

### 9.0) LAST VISIBLE BUD DATE!(for Wholesale Sales)

## WK 12 Mar. 13, 2020

### 10.0) LAST VISIBLE BUD DATE! (for Retail Sales)

## WK 12-13 Mar. 16-27, 2020

### 11.0) Spray Fascination to lower 1/2 of plant

- 11.1) Drench with fungicide for *Pythium*, *Phytophthora* and *Rhizoctonia sp.*

## WK 13 March 23, 2020

### 12.0) Ship Early Wholesale

Post Harvest application of Fascination prior to storage or shipping, see Table 7 on page 11.

## WK 15 April 6, 2020

### 13.0) Retail Ready

## April 12, 2020

### EASTER SUNDAY