

# GROWING TIPS

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**A**s Proven Winners® introduces new varieties it is important to help you understand a little more about each of the new products. This will begin a series of tips that will offer helpful hints to have even greater success with our new varieties — direct from the trial managers at Proven Winners.

### **SUPERBELLS™ CALIBRACHOA**

Superbells are neither as tall as Million Bells® 'Terra Cotta' and 'Cherry Pink' nor as prostrate as Million Bells 'Trailing Blue' and 'Trailing Pink'; instead, they mound on top of the pot and then trail over the sides.



Production for Superbells is similar to other calibrachoa.

The pH should be kept between 5.5 and 6.0. Superbells 'Coral Pink' and 'White' are the most sensitive to problems with pH or EC. Two hundred ppm fertilizer constant liquid feed should be used with an extra weekly application of 510 ppm fertilizer for mature, large containers.

Negative DIF can be used to control height with day temperatures in the 60s and night temperatures in the high 60s. Plants can be held at 45-50° F. Pinches should not be necessary after transplant, however, hanging baskets can benefit from a light pinch.

A 4-inch pot should finish in about four weeks from a liner. Superbells 'Coral Pink' may need up to one week extra to finish. Superbells are responsive to Sumagic.

Superbells are not day-neutral but will all be in bloom by mid-April, with White needing the longest days to bloom. Under long-day conditions they will all bloom at essentially the same time.

### **SUPERBENA™ VERBENA**

Superbena are very vigorous, disease-tolerant verbena varieties.

The pH should be kept between 5.5 and 6.0. Two hundred ppm fertilizer constant liquid



feed should be used with an extra weekly application of 510 ppm fertilizer for mature, large containers. Negative DIF can be used to control height with day temperatures in the 60s and night temperatures in the high 60s. Pinches should not be necessary after transplant; however, hanging baskets may benefit from a light pinch. A 4-inch pot should finish in about four weeks. Superbenas are responsive to Sumagic and other plant growth regulators 'Burgundy' and 'Coral Red' may be slightly more compact and may require less growth regulator.

### **SYMPHONY OSTEOSPERMUM**

The two new colors 'Peach' and 'Vanilla' can be produced the same as all Symphony Osteospermum. The pH should be kept between 6 and 6.5. Two hundred ppm fertilizer constant liquid feed should be used with an extra weekly application of 510 ppm fertilizer for mature, large containers. Negative DIF can be used to control height with day temperatures in the 60s and night temperatures in the high 60s. Pinches should not be necessary after transplant; however, hanging baskets may benefit from a light pinch. Sumagic is effective.



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