**Grower's Guide** 

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# Rudbeckia ,Sunbeckia'

Rudbeckia-Sunbeckia-20-03-27

### About Rudbeckia, Sunbeckia

The Rudbeckia 'Sunbeckia' is a Rudbeckia hirta hybrid bred by Hartwig Bull in the very north of Germany.

Looking from a grower point of view, 'Sunbeckia' are:

- Strong growing with compact habit
- Finishing in 8-9 weeks from a liner
- Extremely even in production
- Sales window of 4-5 weeks
- Ideal summer and fall product

   Can be offered along with mums
- 98% salable product
- High value product

# Looking from the consumer point of view the features of this product are:

- Extremely long lasting
- Flowers stay good for about 3-4 weeks
- Perfect garden performance
  - Rainproof
  - Resists a little frost in the morning
- Perfect pollinator plant

Even so this product is not hardy it is in every sense a very special product. Rudbeckia Sunbeckia' is a from tissue culture started product.

## Growing details

- Substrate
  - Substrat mix should contain coarse components for good drainage
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Use peat with a granulation of 0,25" to 1"  $\,$
  - 20% wood fiber is also possible
  - A proportion of clay improves water capacity
  - o pH 5,5 − 6,0
- Substrate Fertilization
  - Starter 1 kg / m<sup>3</sup> (0,15 oz / 1 gal)
  - Coated fertilizer 3,5 kg / m<sup>3</sup> (0,5oz / 1 gal)
     5-6 month release time.
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- Container size
  - Ideal is a 1 to 1,2 gal container
  - Look for good drainage!
  - Water management
    - Keep always moist
    - Overhead irrigation is possible
    - Dripper system is good as well
- Fertilization
  - Fertilize weekly with your watering
    - Start with a 21-10-11 or similar
    - Continue and finish with 15-15-15
      Calcium nitrate can help moving
    - plants if too small
    - 200-250 ppm N will be fine

Pinching

• Do not pinch! The terminal shoot results in a perfect and huge flower!



• Growth retardants

- Use PGRs when the bottom shoots start to stretch, later when the flower buds are visible an stems start stretching.
- Spraying can be done with
  - B-Nine 2.500 5.000 ppm in the 3 4 <sup>th</sup> week after transplanting
  - Only if needed spray Bonzi 30 -60 ppm in 8<sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> week 1 or 2 times to maintain compactness and short flowerstems.

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Rudbeckia 'Sunbeckia Olivia'

All information in this sheet to the best of our knowledge!

#### Pests

Rudbeckia 'Sunbeckia' are not very attracted by pests. Please monitor for

- Aphids in the early season
- Spidermites in warm and dry climates may occur
- Thrips and Bemisia has not been a problem



<u>Diseases</u>

In propagation keep hight sanitation level, especially when started with TC. Botrytis should be monitored carefully. Other fungus have not been a problem in our own production.



,Sunbeckia ' Field



'Sunbeckia' - 3 layers on danish trolley

'Sunbeckia' in 1gal Container



'Subeckia' resits also a little Frost like 28-30°F

#### General Information

Rudbeckia 'Sunbeckia' can be started from Stage 3 direct from a tissue culture lab, to be pricked in in 72 or 104 cell trays or with a young plant rooted from your young plant supplier in any of those trays. Due to the strong growing and therefore the short production time of 8-10 weeks from transplanting. Since Rudbeckia 'Sunbeckia' is a obligatory long day plant, it is not advisable to start transplanting before week 12. Beside an early spring crop, we recommend continue transplanting in a 3 weeks rhythm. The start in week 18 till 26 results in perfect summer and fall production. A flowering 'Sunbeckia' in mid Aug. till end September will improve fall sales. In results in highly satisfied consumer due to the perfect garden performance.

| Total weeks of production for a Rudbeckia 'Sunbeckia'                    |   |   |       |      |  |    |    |    |    |                                      |                          |          |    |    |    |
|--|---|---|-------|------|--|----|----|----|----|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2 | 3 | 4     | 5    | 6                                      | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5                                    | 6                        | 7        | 8  | 9  | 10 |
|  |   |   | Start |      | PGR<br>Use in the first<br>step B-Nine |    |    |    |    | PC<br>Use<br>Bonzi t<br>flower<br>sh | later<br>o keep<br>stems | <b>*</b> |    |    |    |
| Stage 3 TC - Rooting in cell tray – 5 to 6 wks<br>Use 60 to 80 cell tray |   |   |       |      | Growing from a young plant             |    |    |    |    |                                      |                          | Flower   |    |    |    |
| Week   |   |   |       | Week |  |    |    |    |    |                                      | Week                     |          |    |    |    |
| 6  | 7 | 8 | 9     | 10   | 11                                     | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16                                   | 17                       | 18       | 19 | 20 | 21 |

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