### **Grower's Guide**



## Rudbeckia, Sunbeckia

Rudbeckia-Sunbeckia-english-23-11-01

### 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.



Rudbeckia 'Sunbeckia Olivia

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

### **Growing details**

- Substrate
  - Substrat mix should contain coarse components for good drainage
  - Use peat with a granulation of 0,25" to 1"
  - 20% wood fiber is also possible
  - A proportion of clay improves water capacity
  - $\circ$  pH 5,5 6,0
- Substrate Fertilization
  - $\circ$  Starter 1 kg / m<sup>3</sup> (0,15 oz / 1 gal)
  - Slow release fertilizer 3,5 kg / m³ (0,5oz / 1 gal) 5-6 month release time.
- Container size
  - o Ideal is a 1 to 1,2 gal container
  - Look for good drainage!
- Water management
  - Keep always moist
  - o Overhead irrigation is possible
  - o 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.
  - o Spraying can be done with
    - B-Nine 2.500 3.000 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.

#### **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



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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' in 1gal Container



'Sunbeckia' - 3 layers on danish trolley



'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 transplanted 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 Augus 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	
								later to keep stems			
Stage 3 TC - Rooting in cell tray – 5 to 6 wks 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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