

MILLET

Cultural Details: ZZ245

Millet is a great ornamental plant to accompany bedding to bring height and depth to a design. Millet is also great for the wildlife garden as birds love it.

Propagation & Growing On

Sow millet seeds in to a good quality compost with 2-3 seed per cell. Planting multiple seeds into plugs results in a fuller end plant.

If you wish to sow the seed direct into the final container sow 3 seeds into the centre and cover with 1cm of compost to prevent seedlings from tipping over when they emerge. Sowing direct into the final container can reduce cropping time by up to 2 weeks.

Germination takes 2-3 days when grown in temperature of 20-22°C.

Once seedlings emerge temperatures should be maintained at 20-30°C during the day and 18-19°C at night. Lower temperatures of around 18°C dramatically delay plant growth ideal if you wish to hold a crop back. If temperatures fall to 16°C plant growth will stop all together.

Light levels are very important during the growing on process as high light levels result in stronger thicker stems and better basal branching.

Applying growth regulators in the early stages of development will also encourage branching to produce a fuller plant with little affect to the overall height of the plant.

Crop Timings

Sowing to transplant	– 2-3 weeks
Transplant to finished plant (10-11cm pot)	– 4-5 weeks (1-2 plants per pot)
Transplant to finished plant (4.5l Pot)	– 5-6 weeks (3 plants per pot)
Transplant to flowering plant (4.5l Pot)	– 11-13 weeks (3 plants per pot)

These cropping times are based on an average growing temperature of 20°C, although when plants are grown in warmer temperatures cropping times can be reduced by up to 2 weeks.

Information provided for guidance only, as cultural practices and climatic circumstances vary.