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Sweet Pea

Cultural Leaflet: ZZ365

Sweet peas are one of the most popular annual flowers for their colour and scent. We stock both the taller varieties, which can reach up to 2.5m, as well as the smaller cultivars which are suitable for hanging baskets and containers.

Programming the Crop

Sow Sweet Peas from December to May. Alternatively, for earlier flowering plants with stronger root systems, sow September/October, planting out February onwards.

Propagation and Growing-on

Cover the seeds and keep moist. Optimum germination temperature is 17-20°C, growing on at 8-10°C.

Some varieties/colours develop a hard seed coat and germination can sometimes be assisted either by soaking the seed in tepid water for 12 hours, or 'nicking' the surface of the seed.

Space plants at 8-10cm within and 200cm between rows. Time from sowing to cutting is approximately 8-12 weeks, depending on sowing date.

For pot sales, young plants are generally pinched out when 10cm high. For cut flower production, plants are usually topped at approximately 2m, the first cut of flowers taken, and a new leading shoot selected for further growth. A dose of liquid fertilizer can result in longer stems.

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

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