# ANNUAL PROPAGATION PETUNIA SWEETUNIA

Petunia x hybrida

#### TRAY & ROOTING

TRATAROUTING	
Form	Vegetative Cutting (URC)
Rooting Hormone?	No
Tray Size	50, 72, 84, 105
Plants Per Cell	1
Days In Mist	7-10
Wks. From Stick To Transplant	3-4
<b>Propagation Pinch?</b>	Yes
Weeks To Pinch	3
FERTILITY	
Fertilize Through Mist?	50-75ppm N
Fertilizer Rate	100-150ppm N
EC Range	Moderate: (2.0-3.5 mS via SME)
pH Range	5.5-6.0
TEMPERATURE	
Average Soil Temp	70-75°F (21-24°C)
Average Air Temp (Day)	70-75°F (21-24°C)
Average Air Temp(Night)	68-72°F (20-22°C)
IRRIGATION	
Irrigation Frequency	Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles
LIGHT	
Daylength Neutral?	Yes
Supplemental	None
Benefits From Shade?	No
POTENTIAL DISEASES	
Botrytis, Pythium, Rhizoct	onia
POTENTIAL PESTS	
Aphids, Thrips, Whitefly	
PGR SUGGESTIONS	

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- To stimulate branching and promote uniformity, apply 250 ppm Florel (3.9% Ethephon) as soon as cuttings show roots (as early as day 7).
- Tank mix 250ppm Florel (3.9% Ethephon) + 500ppm B-Nine (85% Daminozide)
- 750ppm B-Nine (85% Daminozide)

# TIPS

- After sticking, water the cuttings uniformly to help "seat" them in the soil media. Good soil to stem contact is important for rooting. Overmisting or delayed mist reduction leads to slower rooting and causes iron deficiency.
- Petunias can be pinched in the liner stage to prevent stretch and promote basal branching but the grower must determine if this is necessary.

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# ANNUAL FINISHING **PETUNIA SWEETUNIA**

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CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER POT	TRANSPLANT TO FINISH (WEEKS)
4 in. (10 cm) and up	1	3-5
Quart (12 cm)	1	5-6
10 in. (22 cm) and up	3	8-12
FERTILITY		
Fertilizer Rate	200-250	ppm N
EC Range	High: (3.	5-5 mS via SME)
pH Range	5.6-6.2	
TEMPERATURE		
Day Temperature	65-73°F	(18-23°C)
Night Temperature	62-64°F (17-18°C)	
IRRIGATION		
Irrigation Frequency		Keep media ely moist with cycles
LIGHT		
Daylength Neutral?	Yes	
Optimum Light Level	5,000-8,0 86,100 lu	000 fc (53,800- 1x)
Supplemental	None	
Benefits From Shade?	No	
PINCHING		
Finishing Pinch?	No	
Transplant to Pinch (days)	N/A	
POTENTIAL DISEASES		
Botrytis, Pythium, Rhizocto	onia	
POTENTIAL PESTS		
Aphids, Thrips, Whitefly		
PGR SUGGESTIONS		
• 500ppm B-Nine (85% Dar (11.8% Chlormequat) as a	-	750ppm Cycocel

• Bonzi (0.4% Paclobutrazol) drench 0.5-1ppm when plants have reached saleable size to tone for retail.



'Pink Touch'

# TIPS

- High light and a negative DIF will reduce stretch.
- Fertilizers with increased iron and micronutrients are best.
- Allow media to dry moderately between waterings but do not allow plants to wilt. Avoid saturated media. Petunias are susceptible to root diseases if overwatered.
- Avoid high-rate PGR applications; they can distort the finished habit. Use of PGRs can delay flowering by up to 2 weeks, avoid applications when flower buds are present.
- Pinch after transplant ONLY when liner has not been treated or soft-pinch for shaping.

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# ANNUAL FEATURES AND BENEFITS **PETUNIA SWEETUNIA**

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#### **KEY INFORMATION**

#### Primary Common Name Petunia

Consumer Watering Instructions	Water thoroughly when top 1 inch (3cm) of soil is dry.
Bloom Time	<b>Blooms Spring to Autumn</b>
Exposure	Full Sun to Part Sun
Height	8-12 inches (20-30 cm)
Garden Spacing	12-24 inches (30-61 cm)
DESCRIPTION	

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'Windmill Pink'

A grower and retailer favorite, these varieties have a full habit that boasts a profusion of brightly colored and uniquely patterned blooms. This series has upright habit and medium vigor, perfect for many container sizes or as components in combination containers.

#### CONSUMER APPEAL

- This Series boasts several fascinating varieties with special colors, and is highly suitable for combination planters.
- Attractive to both hummingbirds and butterflies.

### GARDEN ATTRIBUTES

- Best in applications requiring an upright to mounding component.
- Versatile uses ranging from containers, to hanging baskets, to landscape plantings.
- Consider sheering off 10-15% of the outer foliage during the heat of the summer to promote reblooming.

'Fiona Flash'

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### NATIVITY

Of hybrid origin: Petunia genus native to South America.