

I'conia Begonia Best Management Practices

4 Keys to help avoid blindness

for you

1. I'conia are unique and different than Hiemalis (Rieger/eliator and Solenia) types and should not be paired together in propagation

- Apply only enough mist to keep them turgid, should be off mist by day 7-10. High humidity is good, but not excessive mist.

2. LIGHT, LIGHT, LIGHT – both day extension and high quality are necessary

- 16-18 hours/day (extension) required (prop to finish)
- High quality light and light penetration to meristem is critical (DLI = 10-16+ moles/day)
- Begin to increase light slowly (no quick changes) as soon as cutting are off mist.

3. Goldilocks environment – any stress can lead to blindness

- Maintain a low stress (warm) environment, heating is required.
- Provide even temperatures, fertility and light: no quick changes.
- Avoid dry down (wilt) and don't water too heavy (2-4 moisture range is ideal).

4. No pinching necessary

- Pinching correctly is complicated and not necessary. Skip it to avoid possible blindness.

