

## CULTURE ADVICE

### Bidens

- Description:** Its bright yellow colour and slightly hanging growth makes this plant ideal for mixed (combination) planting. The strong demand for water, light and fertilizer needs to be taken into account.
- Potting:** 11/12 cm pots, week 6 - 10, one young plant per pot 18 - 25 cm, hanging baskets, week 3 - 8, 3 plants per basket
- Substrate:** Substrate of type 2 (with clay portion)  
pH 5 - 6
- Fertilization:** Very consumptive, 1 - 2 x a week max. 1.5 g/l
- Temperature:** 16 - 18 °C, lower later to 12 - 14 °C
- Light:** Cultivate in full light, no shadow!
- Flowering:** From 15th week depending on light conditions (if no extra light is used).
- Growth regulators:** Whenever needed spray once or twice 0.05% Topflor, Caramba (0.1 - 0.2 %) or Regalis (0.25%). DIF/Cool Morning is of advantage! The 'Yellow Wonder' variety is naturally compact and can be cultivated in a cool environment without the application of any inhibitors.
- Pinching:** Lopping or shaping is recommended in order to get a better plant build-up.  
1 to 2 weeks after potting or immediately in case of a suitable young plant size.
- Diseases / pest:** Mildew, botrytis, white fly, thrips, miner flies; take hygienic measures!

Water balance is of importance; the plants must not stand too wet, danger of botrytis, damage to roots and irregular plant build-up are the consequences.

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