

## CULTURE ADVICE

### Calibrachoa

<b>Description:</b>	Calibrachoa can be excellently combined with other products in hanging baskets, tubs and balcony flower boxes provided the requirements with regard to the place (full sunlight), pH value (low) and fertilization (strong) are similar.
<b>Potting:</b>	11/12 cm pots; 27 - 22 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ; weeks 10 - 17. 25 cm hanging basket (3 plants per basket); approx. 10 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ; weeks 5 - 10.
<b>Substrate:</b>	Structurally stable, loose substrates of type 2. pH approx. 5
<b>Fertilization:</b>	Very consumptive, application of 0.25 % complete fertilizer once or twice a week. Have an eye on iron deficiency symptoms during cultivation. Should they occur, they can easily be remedied with conventional iron chelate fertilizers.
<b>Temperature:</b>	Start at 16 - 18 °C, lower to 10 - 14 °C after 2 to 3 weeks. High temperatures will result in long internodes.
<b>Light:</b>	Full light, no shadow.
<b>Flowering:</b>	Starts in mid-April depending on light conditions (if no extra light is used).
<b>Growth regulators:</b>	Absolutely necessary! Approx. 7 to 10 days after planting (repeatedly, if necessary): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Regalis 0.25 % (<b>Caution!</b> Blue and red varieties may change colour; application at beginning of cultivation only for these varieties)</li><li>- Topflor 0.05 - 0.1 %</li><li>- Caramba 0.05 %</li><li>- (Cycocel 720: 0.15 % to 0.25 %, moderate effect)</li></ul>
<b>Pinching:</b>	Approximately one week after potting or immediately in case of a suitable young plant size. In case of stronger plants or hanging baskets, a second lopping or shaping is recommended to get a better plant build-up.

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