

Brassica oleracea Flowering Kale

- Crane has a long lasting vase life.
- Uniform and unique series of cut flower.
- Genetically, the flower head was bred to be compact, however, plant spacing will determine the size of the flower as well.
- Crane Pink, Red and White have a very uniform, upright habit and complement each other.
- Crane Bicolour has a white head with a rose centre.

The round shapes and varied colours add striking beauty to winter bouquets.



1666 bicolour



4997 pink



1664 red



1665 white



Cultural Notes

SOW:

Sowing: February - July

Finishing: 20-24 weeks from sow date.

Photoperiodism: Daylength neutral, cool temperatures required for colour to develop.

PLUG STAGE:

Tray Size: 288.

Germination: 4-5 days at 20-25°C.

Ec: (pour thru method).

Supplemental Lighting: Not required.

Plug Finish Time: 3-4 wks.

FINISHING:

Transplant: At 2-3 true leaf stage.

Spacing: 10-15cm but best between 10-13cm as 15cm can tend to give too thick stems.

Plant the end 30-40cm of each bed at double density to prevent heading of the plant.

Days To Flower: 90-120 days.

Temperature: 20-28°C initially for stem elongation, then less than 15°C to develop colour.

Common Pests: Aphids.

NOTES:

• Crop time of 3.5 months during winter, or 3 months if planted before the onset of cold temperatures.

• NEVER hold plugs in trays as this will cause the plants to sit and not gain height due to root binding.

• Netting is suggested as plants will fall over and produce a curved stem, making them unsuitable for cut flower use.

• When the plants are 25.4cm tall, remove lower leaves. Repeat 3 or 4 times as the

plants grow taller.

• Do final strip after harvesting.

• Give plants adequate fertiliser during young growing stage.

• Fertilisation should be stopped once the flowers colour.

Information is based on average data compiled in Northern Hemisphere (dates shown are southern hemisphere). Physical characteristics, adaptability and disease tolerance may vary under different conditions.

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