



## Highsun Express - Company Profile

Highsun Express is an innovative and progressive family owned wholesale nursery located in South East Queensland, Australia. The Company produces a comprehensive range of quality young starter plants that are distributed throughout the Australian market daily.

Over the years Highsun Express has developed from the humble beginnings of potato farming, to now employing over 70 employees at two large production facilities under the guidance of Managing Director, Brad Skinner. The Company has grown over the years, pioneering the plug industry in Australia in the early 1990's, to now being one of the leading suppliers of seed and vegetative raised plugs.

Today the company has a professional Management team, automated production facilities and manufacturing systems that create an ideal environment for the production of quality plants. Production is to order with young plants available for shipping year around. Teamwork and modern technology is important to Highsun with environmentally controlled greenhouses, consolidation patching machine, rolling benches, bar code tracking technology, and customized production software.

The production process of young plants starts by seeding in temperature controlled seed rooms through controlled germination chambers and green houses and then finished under sunny Queensland daylight to ensure minimal transplant stress. Two production sites are in operation, one located in Brisbane, and one in the colder climate of Toowoomba, enabling us to cater for the individual needs of each crop.

Traditionally the company has procured seed and vegetative material from breeders from around the world. The ability to do this successfully has relied on Highsun Express having strong supply chain relationships with international seed & vegetative breeders. The products are then grown to customer contract requirements under the brand names of "Highsun Express" and "Natural Selections". Recently the Company has also launched a new innovative propagation system called "Paper Tec", where bio-degradable paper plugs are produced, filled with media made to grower specifications.

To ensure we at Highsun Express are selling young plants that are suitable to Australian growing conditions, trialing of product is an ongoing process. Each year the Company conducts specific product and comparison trials to establish the successful products that can be marketed to the Australian market. The Company can also bring product into the country easily using its accredited quarantine house. [www.highsun.com.au](http://www.highsun.com.au)

