

Pieris Japonica

(*Pieris japonica*)

Propagation

Not Applicable.

Growing On to Finish

Media

Use a well-drained, disease-free, soilless media with a pH of 5.2 to 5.5.

Temperature

Winter: USDA Zone 6 minimum temperatures.
Preferable to keep roots from prolonged freezing temperatures.

Light

50% shade for production is best for optimum growth rate. Winter greenhouse production is important as a general practice with all Pieris.

Irrigation

Uniform media water levels for optimum growth. Do not permit full drying of media.

Fertilizer

Use a liquid fertilizer every time you irrigate. Most important is the EC level from the plant. This must be average of 0.5 (between 0.4 – 0.7). An incorporated fertilizer at the time of potting. Similar fertility regime as with other broad-leaved evergreen shrubs in a nursery.

Pinching

Light pruning for saleable #3 or #5 nursery container during the growing regime. These plants were professionally bred and selected to be naturally compact.

Spacing

Can be grown pot tight at initial potting. Spacing needed for fall crop.

Crop Scheduling

Liner to #1 nursery container

Potting: July through August

Finish: May Through July

Potting: May through June

Finish: March through April (with blooms)

Container Size

#1 (18 cm) pot: 1 liner per pot

#3 pot: 3 liners per pot; or shift #1 container

NOTE: Growers should use the information presented here as a starting point. Crop times will vary depending on the climate, location, time of year and greenhouse environmental conditions. Chemical and PGR recommendations are only guidelines. It is the responsibility of the applicator to read and follow all the current label directions for the specific chemical being used in accordance with all regulations.