







## **Limonium** SHOOTING STAR

Available as a 72 liner from Ball Tagawa, exclusively from Ball Seed.

Limonium comes from the Greek word "meadow" that refers to its original habitat. Limonium originally grew in meadows along the sea in the Mediterranean. This flower brings to our homes the fresh feeling of being warm and relaxed in a breezy meadow in the Mediterranean. Limonium symbolizes remembrance, success, sympathy and beauty.

- Limoniums are great fillers for bouquet arrangements - the plant structure creates branches that give a lot of volume with just one stem.
- The bright purple color brings life to this plant.
- Very hardy and productive plant that is more resistant to pest and diseases than its competitors.

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### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

#### CROP TIME

From planting to harvest: 26 weeks

#### PLANTING DENSITY

6 Plants  $/m^2$  net (1 plant  $/ft^2$ ). Plants are spaced in a quincunx pattern with 40cm between each line.

#### PRE-PLANTING

Soil: Loose and well-drained soil, at least 25 cm deep.pH: 5.5 to 6.5Netting: 2-3 levels

#### PINCH

In order to stimulate the basal sprouting of new stems, pinch when the first stem is induced. Handle with care in order to avoid damaging the growth points.

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#### IRRIGATION

For a good rooting, keep the moisture at field capacity for the first 3 weeks after planting. At week 5, lower irrigation to induce stems.

#### **PEST & DISEASES**

- Low susceptibility to Downey Mildew.
- Thrips
- Slugs
- Botrytis

#### FERTILIZATION

A general fertilization formula can be as follows:

N: 120 ppm P: 50 ppm K: 120 ppm Ca: 180 Ppm Mg: 50 ppm S: 50 ppm Fe: 2 ppm Mn: 2.5 ppm Cu, Zn and B: 0.2 ppm

#### HARVEST

Cut the stems when 80% to 90% of the flowers are open.

#### POST-HARVEST

Hydrate in a commercial post-harvest hydrating solution. Follow label instructions for application.

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#### **PACKAGING & STORAGE**

Make bunches of 10 stems in plastic sleeve. Dry storage is recommended to avoid any phytosanitary issues.