

# Gomphrena Series

- First-class professional cut flower for dried or cut flower arrangements
- Heat tolerant
- Vivid colour range makes them a standout
- Suitable for greenhouse or field production

Gomphrena are hardy plants and have a high tolerance for heat and humidity, and crave sunshine. Once established little water is required, making them a low maintenance crop. Gomphrena produce lovely rounded, papery flower heads that are available in an array of vivid shades. The blossoms are colourfast, sturdy, and long-lasting.

A bright addition for florists, gomphrena comes in all sizes, the flower heads dry beautifully for use in wreaths and everlasting arrangements.

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## CULTURAL INFORMATION

### *Gomphrena globosa / Gomphrena haageana*

**CROP TIME:** Allow 10 to 12 weeks from plug to flower.

**PLANTING DENSITY:** 1-2 plants per 15 x 20cm netting square.

**PRE-PLANTING:**

- **MEDIA:** Well-drained, loose soil with no clumps, tilled at least 40cm deep.

- **pH:** 5.8 to 6.2

- To increase productivity, the first blooms of the plants can be removed so that the secondaries will develop strongly.

- **NETTING:** If grown indoors support netting will be necessary.

**TEMPERATURES:** For best quality days over 75°F day / nights over 55°F.

**IRRIGATION:** Keep consistent moisture levels.

**FERTILISATION:** Mix a light application of a balanced organic fertiliser into the soil prior to planting. In midsummer, drench plants with a liquid fertiliser to prolong bloom time.

**HARVEST:** Harvest when flowers are in colour and head is rounded, but before heads elongate.

**POST HARVEST:** Good-quality, clean water. No additional benefits from use of commercial floral solutions. Store at 3-4°C (36-41°F) if necessary for less than 7 days for best performance.

**INSECTS AND DISEASES:**

- Leafminer (especially when plants are young)
- Aphids
- Botrytis
- Thrips