









# Matricaria









Plugs

The word comes from the modern latin "Matricalis" or "Matrix" womb. The word derives patience, attracts wealth, energy in adversity and healing.

Also called Feverfew, just one plant is loaded with sprays of the most adorable, white button flowers (Vegmo Snowball and Sunny Ball) or tiny daisy-like flowers (Vegmo Single). The plant has a strong sturdy, upright branching habit and makes a wonderful bouquet filler.

- Excellent, fast year-round crop.
- Good post-harvest life.



Also available: Single yellow

## **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

## **CROP TIME**

From planting to harvest: 14 to 15 weeks.

#### PLANTING DENSITY

80 plants/m<sup>2</sup> net

#### PRE-PLANTING

**Soil:** Well drained, loose soil with no clusters. At least 25 cm (10 in) deep.

**pH:** 6.0 to 7.2 **Netting:** 2-levels CE: 0.2 to 0.6 mmhos/cm

Matricarias require long day conditions for floral induction. Critical day length is 14 hours.

When extending daylength night interruption for 2-4 hours begin at 12:00 am, or early AM extension before dawn are effective. Cyclic lighting for 7.5 minutes every half hour can also be used.

#### **IRRIGATION**

For plants to root well, maintain soil's humidity at field's capacity. Two weeks before harvest reduce irrigation.

During production, maintain an irrigation volume of 5 to 5.5 l/m<sup>2</sup> according to the environmental conditions and soil type.

#### **FERTILIZATION**

A general fertilization formula can be the following:

N: 120 ppm P: 40 ppm K: 160 ppm Ca: 120 ppm Mg: 60 ppm S: 50 ppm Fe: 2 ppm Mn: 2.5 ppm Cu, Zny B: 0.2 ppm.

With drip irrigation, maintain CE levels between 0.8 and 1.2.

Matricaria is sensitive to high salinity. Potassium nitrate is recommended during flower bud formation.

#### **HARVEST**

Harvest when 65 - 70 % of flowers opened.

# POSTHARVEST TREATMENT

Hydrate in Chrysal Professional 2, at 10 cc / lt) for 12 hours and in a cold room. Matricaria is not sensitive to ethylene.

#### PESTS & DISEASES

Leaf miner Thrips Pythium sp Rhyzoctonia Botrytis Cercospora sp