## Salvia splendens Reddy Series natural dwarf



Life cycle	Annual
Family/origin	Lamiaceae/Brasil
Popular uses	Outdoor containers, pots and
	packs, suitable for landscape
	beds and garden, hanging baskets
Mature plant height	20-25 cm (8-10")
Mature plant width	20-25 cm (8-10")
Pot size	Packs, 8-15 cm (3-6") pots
Plants per pot	1
	3 per 15 cm (6") and larger
Sun exposure	Sun partial shade
Water requirements	Reduced, avoid wet conditions
Flowering time	Entire growing season
	Frost tender
Media	A well-drained, porous media is
	best to prevent over watering
	pH 6.0-6.2
	EC 0.7-1.5 (100-225 ppm N)
Growing temperature	Start at 18-20°C (64-68°F)
	Lower the temperature after root
	at 15-18°C (59-64°F)
	Avoid wet conditions at night
Light	Salvia prefers high light conditions
Fertilizer needs	Balanced N:P:K fertiliser as
	needed recommended, use
	calcium based fertilizers
	EC 1.8-2.2 (270-330 ppm N)
Crop time	10-12 weeks
Hardiness zone	N/A





Mixture

### **Growth regulators**

Reddy is naturally dwarf and does not need PGRs to provide a salable plant However PGRs can be applied to provide extra compact plants Salvia is responsive to Daminozide (B-Nine), A-rest, Paclobutrazol (Bonzi) and/or Sumagic treatments

#### **Common Diseases**

Alternaria Leaf Spot, Powdery Mildew, Rust and Corynespora leaf spot

#### **Common Pests**

Thrips, Aphids, Whitefly and Spider mites

### **Pinching**

No need

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## **Plug Production**



Seed forms	Raw	
Seed count	250-300 sds/gr (7,000-8,500 sds/oz) Varies by lot!	
Recommended plug size	480-264	
Seeds cell	1	
Vermiculite cover	Light cover	
Stage 1	Moisture: keep medium saturated	
Germination	Growing medium temperature: 22-24°C (70-75°F)	
	Fertilizer level EC 0.5-1 (75*150 ppm N)	
	Light is necessary for the germination process, provide 100-1,000 lux	
	(10-100 fc) in the chamber	
Stage 2	Reduce moisture levels to obtain optimum root penetration and to	
Stem and cotyledon	prevent fungal diseases. Prevent wet foliage after nightfall	
	Temperature: 18-20°C (65-68°F)	
	Fertilizer levels: EC 0.5-1.0 (75-150 ppm N)	
Stage 3	Reduce moisture levels and allow medium to dry between watering Do not	
<b>Growth and development</b>	allow plants to wilt	
	Temperature: 18-20°C (65-68°F)	
	Fertilization: EC 1.2-1.5 (180-225 ppm N)	
Stage 4	Reduce moisture levels and allow medium to dry slightly between watering	
Ready for transplanting	but do not allow plants to wilt	
	Temperature: 15-18°C (60-65°F)	
	Fertilizers: see stage 3.	
	It is important not to stress plugs to prevent premature flower bud formation	
Plug crop time	4-5 weeks	
Approximate finish time	5-7 weeks	
Special tips	Salvia prefers high light conditions. Low light levels can induce stretching	
	Downward cupping and yellowing of leaves can indicate too cool a	
	temperature or too high EC level in the compost	
	Yellowing on mature leaves is often associated with a lack of magnesium	

