

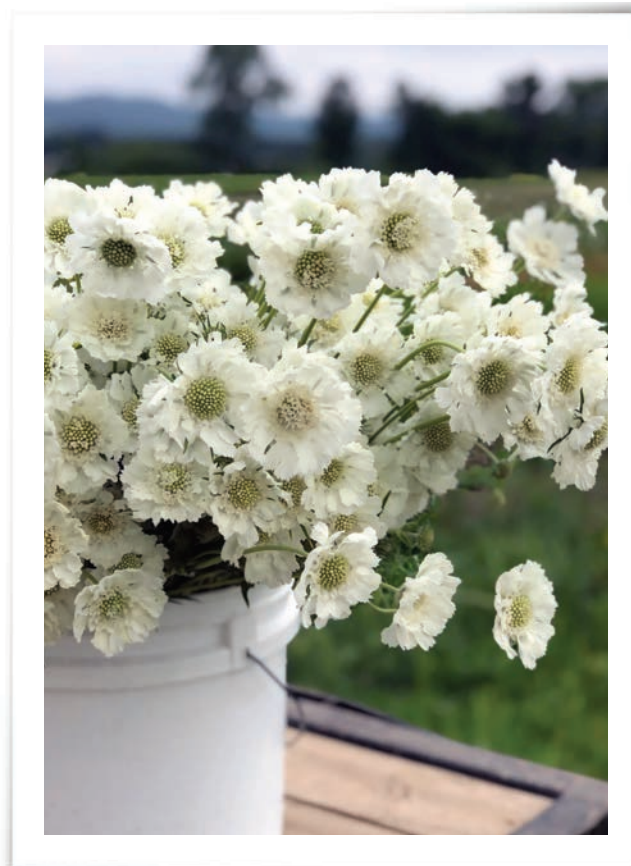
Scabiosa Fama

- Huge, delicate blooms
- Happy in dry summer heat with minimal irrigation
- A favourite for flower arrangers
- Suitable for greenhouse or field production

Scabiosa are extremely long-blooming compact, clump-forming perennials with uniquely shaped, eye-catching flowers. The flowers of Fama are exceptionally large and uniform. Multiple pincushion-shaped flowers produced all season, available in deep blue and white. An excellent, long lasting cut flower.

This series has a high heat tolerance and needs well drained soil.

TWO COLOURS AVAILABLE IN THIS SERIES - ASK US FOR MORE INFORMATION



CULTURAL INFORMATION

Scabiosa caucasica

CROP TIME: Allow 15 to 20 weeks from plug to flower.

PLANTING DENSITY: One plant per 15 x 20cm netting square.

PRE-PLANTING:

- **MEDIA:** Loamy sandy to sandy humus soils with good drainage and good nutrition levels.

- **pH:** 5.8 to 6.5

- **NETTING:** Support netting 15 x 20cm is recommended.

TEMPERATURES: Grow at 12-15 °C or outdoors. Overwinter indoors frost free at 3-5 °C.

FERTILISATION: Moderate fertilisation levels are required. Fertilise the crop weekly with 130-150 ppm nitrogen (at 2 kg/m³ slow release fertiliser in substrate), using a

complete balanced fertiliser. Don't fertilise after mid september. In spring fertilise 150-200 ppm nitrogen of a potassium balanced fertiliser (N: K₂ O-ratio: 1:1,5). Prevent magnesium deficiency by applying magnesium sulphate (0,05 %) 1-2 times and in case of iron deficiency (above pH 6.0) apply iron-chelate 1-2 times.

LIGHTNING: Above 11 hours of day-length, natural and spontaneous flowering occurs. In regions where day-length is shorter than 11 hours, supplementary lighting of 4-6 hours should be provided, depending on the environment temperatures. When day length exceeds 11 hours there is no need to provide lighting for

the Scabiosa plants unless it is very cold or there is a will to accelerate flowering.

PINCHING: Plants are ready for pinch about 3 weeks after planting. This results in well established plants, many shoots and good quality of flowering branches right from the start.

HARVEST: Harvesting is done with 2-3 whorls open-not completely open flowers.

POST HARVEST: The flowers should be placed in a standing position throughout the whole process including shipments & marketing.

INSECTS AND DISEASES:

- Downey Mildew
- Sclerotinia sclerotiorum