

# Technical advice

## Calibrachoa

### *PortuCal® Trailing*

#### **Description:**

This is an insider tip among the hanging “mini petunias”. This series comprises stronger-growing Calibrachoa varieties that will bloom continuously throughout the summer for consumers. We source all cuttings and young plants from our own nursery in Portugal, perhaps the best Calibrachoa location in the world.

#### **Potting:**

Week 4 - 12

Pot 10,5 – 12 cm

Baskets: 3 plants / basket

#### **Sales:**

- Mid of april onwards

#### **Substrate:**

- Potting-Substrate
- pH 5,0 (!)

#### **Fertilizer:**

High nutrient need: with continuous fertigation at 0,08 % to 0,1 % or weekly fertigation 1-2 times per week at 0,2 % to 0,3 %.

#### **Temperature:**

Cold tolerant crop. After potting daily average temperature at 18°C, thereafter DAT TMT 14°C. Hardening at 10°C.

#### **Light:**

Cultivate after establishment of roots under full light.

#### **Flowers:**

Starting mid to end of april

#### **Growth regulators:**

Recommended: Alar 850 -1700 ppm, Bonzi 2 –8 ppm.

Attention: Alar may delay flowers.

#### **Pinching:**

Soft pinch 6 -7 days after potting

#### **Disease / pests**

Susceptible for cold feet, standing water, thielaviopsis. Watch out for white fly and thrips. Virus sensitive.

#### **Spacing:**

45 - 60 pots / sqm