

Agastache Nectar Series

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

These colorful *Agastaches* bloom over a long season with nectar-filled blossoms. Compact green foliage supports heavily blooming spikes dense with flowers.

Hybridized by Florensis.

• **Apricot, Grape, Grapefruit, Orange and Raspberry**

USES

The compact habit is ideal for containers, and the abundant flowers fill a deck or patio pot full of hummingbird and butterfly food.

GROWER NOTES

The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.

- Plant in the greenhouse at 65° F, or outdoors in spring when night temperatures are generally above 58° F. Because these begin blooming heavily when day length is over 12 hours, early planting makes it easier to fill pots before bloom begins.
- Use a soilless mix with good drainage and plant in a full sun location.
- Avoid overfeeding and space early to produce compact, toned and well-branched plants. Provide balanced feed of 200 ppm nitrogen and maintain a pH of approximately 6.0.
- Manual pinching or chemical pinching with Florel® (ethephon) 2–3 weeks after planting may help to slow bloom and encourage branching.
- B-Nine® (daminozide) applications may be used to control internode length on vegetative shoots, particularly on Grape and Grapefruit, which grow slightly faster than Orange, Raspberry and Apricot.
- Watch for aphids, thrips, mites and whitefly.
- Keep plants lightly moist but avoid overwatering to prevent soft weak growth.
- Deadhead to prolong shelf life and keep plants fresh.
- Larger sizes may require multiple plugs.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 15–18"/18"
- Spread: 15"
- Bloom time: summer–fall
- USDA Zone: 7(0°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- 4" or quart from 72-cell liner: 6 weeks
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 8 weeks

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited

- A. Apricot Nectar: USPPP
- A. Grape Nectar: USPPP
- A. Grapefruit Nectar: USPPP
- A. Orange Nectar: USPPP
- A. Raspberry Nectar: USPPP



Apricot



Grape



Grapefruit



Orange



Raspberry