



Cut Use Recommendations

To begin a cut flower program with a client, the primary considerations are stem heights and number of flowers. Stem heights of shorter varieties can be improved with partial shading and modified fertility.

Stem counts will vary by variety, tuber size and production conditions, including but not limited to the following: light, spacing, fertility, moisture levels, as well as general plant health & vigor. Generally speaking, lance leaf *Z. rehmannii* lines tend to be very productive but also tend to be shorter than *Z. elliottiana*, *Z. pentlandii*, *Z. albo maculata* and their resulting hybrids.

A beginning program for cut production should include only six or eight varieties. Use Crystal Blush for a white; Yellow Hybrid or Sunshine for a yellow; Parfait or Pillow Talk for a rose-cream bicolor (if variable color is acceptable); Pink Giant for a pastel pink; Garnet Glow or Rubylite Rose for a hot pink or rich rose respectively; Lavender Gem for lavender and, if needed, Flame or Blaze for an orange.