

## Care instruction for small plants

### Trays and seeds

The seed is sown in trays with 1 seed per hole. The trays must have 91 to 264 holes.

### Production time

The production time is 5 to 6 weeks in a tray with 264 holes and 6 to 7 weeks for a tray with 91 holes.

### Peat

Use a light fertilised soil for small plants with pH 5,5–6,0.

### Sprouting

The sown trays are covered with a thin layer of vermiculite or the like and must be watered regularly. It is recommended to spray lightly with 0.1% Amistar.

Overwatering may result in a bad sprouting. After watering you must cover with white plastic which is removed after 8-10 days by about 75% emerged seeds. Temperature from 20 – 22° C. After sprouting the plants should be moved to a light area with a temperature of 18° C and a humidity of max 80% (RH).

### Retardation

To ensure optimum growth of the small plants we recommend that you retard the plants about once a week with 1-2 ‰ Alar. The first treatment should take place from 3 to 5 days after removing the cover. It is only necessary with a light sprinkling to reach the plants where the seed leaves have emerged.

### Watering and fertilisation

To avoid unnecessary stretch the plants must not be watered heavily and must be fertilised equally with 0.05 – 0.1%. Guide number in the soil should be kept at 1.8 – 2.4 and pH 5.5 - 6.0.

### Pests

We recommend a preventive treatment against Fungus gnats (*Bradysia paupera*) with for instance Vectobac/Bactimos (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) or by watering with Confidor.