

CULTURAL SUGGESTIONS FOR POINSETTIA PRODUCTION

The Ecke organization has prepared a new manual on production of the poinsettia. A copy for your own reading may be obtained by writing to: Paul Ecke, Inc., Encinitas, California.

The general situation on the stock plant is that about 25% of the plants failed to start growth at all. Some plants were slow to get off and others showed the crippling effect on the first growth but when pruned off, the resulting shoots appeared to be quite vigorous. All of this, of course, has delayed the development and production of cuttings. A few of the layer producers of cuttings have cancelled their orders or are taking orders only if they have cuttings available. Just what the over-all effect will be is pure conjecture at the moment.

The Ecke firm in some instances has replaced the lost plants with rooted cuttings direct from California. Growers short on cuttings have indicated that they may pinch to make up for reduction in number of cuttings.

Suggestions for cutting dip from Ecke:-

2 lbs. captan)
1/2 lb. Terrachlor) to 100 gallons
9 oz. Agrimycin 100)

Agitate thoroughly for captan and Terrachlor may settle out - and remember, this is only a dip. Soaking the cutting with this much Agrimycin might cause serious injury to the rooting and future growth of the cutting.

Suggestions for drench after potting or panning from Eckes:-

1. 1 1/2 fluid oz. Panodrench to 100 gallons

Make 3 applications after panning at 2-week intervals.

2. 1 lb. of Terrachlor)
2 lbs. of captan) to 100 gallons

Agitate thoroughly while applying, and spray plants well, so that the stem as well as soil surface is covered.

Two year tests at Waltham showed excellent results with Phaltan when substituted for captan for root rot control at 2 lbs. per 100 gallons of water at rate of 1 pint per square foot.