

# ACCELERATED DORMANCY BREAKING IN FREESIA

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Research at the Agricultural University (Wageningen) pointed out that freesia corms (cv. 'Ballerina') lifted in spring and treated at 30°C for 4 to 8 weeks, followed by temperatures between 18 and 25°C, were 3 to 4 weeks sooner fit for planting out. Consequently, winter corms (cv. 'Ballerina') were treated from 22 January onwards at 30°C for 4, 6 and 8 weeks, followed by 21°C until the planting date which was planned on 10 June. These treatments were

compared with a continuous 30°C. All treatments at 21°C were fit for planting after 10 to 11 weeks, which was more than 3 weeks sooner than the control treatment.

About 2 weeks after the corms of the 21°C treatment were fit for planting, shoot formation occurred on the corms. After switching back to 30°C the shoot growth stopped.