

### Highlight Suggestions for Handling Annual Seedlings

1. Annual flower seedlings germinate best at 65-70°F.
2. Watch moisture levels, particularly for seedlings grown in plastic pots and packs. Have adequate drainage.
3. If damp-off occurs, use one of the following methods:-
  - a. Dust method - mix Thiram (disulfide)(Arasan) half and half with fine sand and dust over young germinating seedlings. Use a plastic top shaker. Then water in lightly.
  - b. Morton's Soil Drench - a mercury material used at rate of one fluid ounce per 35 gallons of water. See FLOROGRAM for last month for other methods.
4. Make several successive sowings of seeds so that seedlings do not get too large for effective transplanting.
5. Sow seedlings in rows regardless of size of seed to reduce spread of damp-off organisms.