

Timing Potted Easter Lilies, 1988¹

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The following schedules are for precooled (case-cooled) and CTF (controlled temperature forced) lily bulbs. They are intended as guidelines only.

Weeks Before Easter	Date	Procedure or Plant Stage for 60°F NT/ 70°F DT Greenhouse Forcing	
		Case-stored	CTF
25	Oct. 11	(Bulb shipments arrive in forcing areas)	
24	Oct. 18	Start 40°F storage	Pot, put at 60-65°F
23	Oct. 25	_____	_____
22	Nov. 1	_____	_____
21	Nov. 8	_____	Start 40oF storage
20	Nov. 15	_____	_____
19	Nov. 22	_____	_____
18	Nov. 29	Pot, put in greenhouse	_____
17	Dec. 6	_____	_____
16	Dec. 13	_____	_____
15	Dec. 20	Shoots emerge from soil	Put in greenhouse
14	Dec. 27	(_____)	
13	Jan. 3	(_____ Shoots 1"-3" _____)	
12	Jan. 10	(_____ Shoots 3"-5" _____)	
11	Jan. 17	(_____ Shoots 5"-9", flower initiating _____)	
10	Jan. 24	(_____ Shoots 9"-12" _____)	
9	Jan. 31	(_____ Shoots 12"-15" _____)	
8	Feb. 7	(_____ Feel flower buds _____)	
7	Feb. 14	(_____)	
6	Feb. 21	(buds visible, grow slow plants warmer than 70/60 and advanced plants cooler than 70/60 _____)	
5	Feb. 28	(_____)	
4	Mar. 6	(Buds 1.5", buds just beginning to bend over)	
3	Mar. 13	(_____ Buds 3" and bent over _____)	
2	Mar. 20	(_____ Buds 4-5" _____)	
1	Mar. 27	(Buds 5"-6", advanced plants ready for sale _____)	
0	April 3	(_____ Easter-Sold Out _____)	

¹This schedule is for Indiana; adjustments must be made in other areas of the U.S.

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