

Cut Use Recommendations

To begin a cut flower program with a client, the primary considerations are stem heights and number of flowers. Stem heights of shorter varieties can be improved with partial shading. Stem counts by variety and per tuber size can be found below on our Bloom Count Chart. <u>However, the counts shown on this chart must be reduced by 30%</u>. This is because stems counted for pots include the short stems and these will likely be discarded by the cut grower.

A beginning program for cut production should include only six or eight varieties. Use Crystal Blush for a white; Yellow Hybrid or Sunshine for a yellow; Parfait or Pillow Talk for a rose-cream bicolor (if variable color is acceptable); Pink Giant for a pastel pink; Garnet Glow or Rubylite Rose for a hot pink or rich rose respectively; Lavender Gem or Pink Diamond for lavender and, if needed, Flame or Blaze for an orange.