

GROWERTALKS

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Darwin Perennials

UpTick is set to re-invent the hardy coreopsis class with large, striking flowers and excellent hardiness to USDA Zone 5. This sunny North American native has summer-long blooming with a tidy, mounded habit. UpTick is a grower-friendly series that requires no vernalization or long days to flower. UpTick's bigger flowers and longer blooming means more color at retail and in the garden. The series has four stunning colors. You're sure to see an "uptick" in sales with this innovative, showy series. Pictured: Coreopsis UpTick Gold&Bronze.

Oglesby Plants International

A new line of mandevilla for 2017, the Tropical Breeze Mandevilla series brings a higher level of performance for tropical color. Available in three beautiful color selections, all with excellent flowering characteristics. Offer early and abundant flowering with eight to 11 flowers per inflorescence. All are fast-growing, early-flowering varieties with dark, glossy green leaves, showing excellent tolerance to common diseases encountered by commercial growers. All exhibit heavy branching and intense flowering. A product of Oglesby Plants International in-house breeding. Tested under South Florida conditions. Grown and sold in 72 cp trays. Zone 10+. Pictured left to right: Blushing Pink, Flaming Red and Velvet Red.

GROWinBAG

Easy-Fill has more than a decade of proven reliability in the USA for round bottom, heavy-duty grow bags that are made from high-quality raw materials with UV additives for durability and extra-strength handles for easy maneuverability. Planting with Easy-Fill Grow Bags will promote superior root growth and root pruning. The bags prevent root circling, control soil health by keeping it free from ground contaminants and save on water. Manufactured to suit all U.S. climates.



Emerald Coast Growers LLC

The Chick Charms collection bred by Chris Hansen is a new series of hardy collectible succulents, with unique, cool colors and uniform habits. For an irresistible display at retail, Chick Charms are offered as collections only. Hardy in Zones 3 to 9 and full of unique colors and textures, Chick Charms varieties will grow virtually anywhere. They're low maintenance for the grower, too—easy growing and drought tolerant. The varieties stand 2- to 3-in. tall and spread up to 12 in. Two Chick Charms Collections are currently available, with 12 varieties among them. You can choose six trays of six varieties or one tray of six varieties.

Philips Lighting BV

Philips GreenPower LED flowering lamp 2.0 is an energy-efficient way to extend daylight or interrupt the night growing cycle in greenhouses for growers that cultivate strawberries, cut flowers, bedding plants and cuttings. The new Philips GreenPower LED flowering lamp 2.0 builds on the first generation of Philips GreenPower LED flowering lamp and comes in two different spectral versions—one with a deep red and white (DR/W) combination and the other a deep red/white/ far red (DR/W/FR) combination—with light recipes for growing cut flowers and soft fruit. The new lamp saves electricity costs by being 90% more energy efficient than conventional incandescent lamps. It's designed to increase the yield, quality and consistency of crops, and stimulate flowering.

WaterPulse Inc.

WaterPulse grower watering mats take advantage of the natural capillary action of soil to deliver both water and nutrients uniformly, resulting in healthier, more consistent and more attractive plants. Millions of square feet are installed in greenhouses and nurseries throughout the U.S., saving hundreds of millions of gallons of water every year. These easy-to-use mats deliver uniform watering and reduced plant maintenance, which translates to lower water and labor costs. **GT**