# **GROWERTALKS**

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#### Abbott-Ipco, Inc.

Caladium Iceberg is a strap leaf variety, which is unique among commercial varieties. It has a mottled cream and dark green pattern with dark red coloration where the petiole attaches to the leaf blade. For the most striking color pattern, Iceberg should be de-eyed for pot production and can be grown in pots 4-in. and up. Intermediate in size and sun tolerant, Iceberg is useful in any part of the landscape.

#### **BASF Corporation**

BASF offers new larger, more-economical packaging options on two key products. Pendulum AquaCap herbicide is available for a limited time in a 110-gal. drum during the Early Order Program that ends December 11, 2009. Broad-spectrum Insignia fungicide is now available in a 36-lb. drum and can be purchased with greater cost savings during the Early Order Program. Pendulum AquaCap offers pre-emergent weed control of more than 40 broadleaf and grassy weeds. Insignia fungicide controls a broad spectrum of turf diseases.





#### **Biobest Biological Systems**

The Poinsettia-Mix-System from Biobest is a new product formulation specially produced to protect poinsettia crops from both species of whitefly. The new formulation comes on cards that release 30 Encarsia formosa and 40 Eretmocerus mundus; the recommended release rate of parasites for 10

sq. m. or 100 sq. ft. One box contains 100 cards, the exact number to protect 1,000 sq. m. or 10,000 sq. ft.

#### **Morel Diffusion**

Tianis Fantasia Scarlet Red, the most awaited color in the Tianis range is a bi -color Fantasia flower that is a luminous red with a contrasting white rim.

Scarlet Red exhibits a very round plant habit, homogeneous growth, and strong flower texture. The Fantasia type has an exceptionally strong structure,



outstanding flower durability and a high resistance to botrytis. They're also long lasting outdoors and easy and fast to grow with almost no maintenance.



#### Sunterra Horticulture (Canada), Inc.

From one of Manitoba's most recently opened high-quality bogs, this type of young, blond, long fiber, top bog, sphagnum peat has been proven to naturally help protect young plant roots through a process known as general suppression. Sunterra Peat Moss is available in both grower coarse and grower fine grades. It's shipped in convenient, economical, high-yielding 64 cu. ft. compressed grower bales.

### **Suntory Flowers, Ltd.**

Summer Wave torenias thrive in summer heat and in cooler conditions while other torenias wilt. They tolerate dry soil and will fully recover after periods of drought. Pale Lilac (pictured) and White are two new additions to this all-season flowering variety that are self-cleaning, have excellent branching and large blooms with continuous blooming even in shady conditions. With a superior trailing habit and vigorous growth, they're perfect for shady beds, hanging baskets or window boxes.

