## **Grow Program: Poinsettias**

**The Nature's Source Difference:** Nature's Source plant foods are high efficiency nutrition formulated with oilseed extract, an all-natural and renewable source of plant nutrition. The low salt formulations enhance nutrient uptake by the plant.

## **Feeding Recommendations**

**Propagation:** Water in URC's with Nature's Source 10-4-3 or 10-4-5 at a rate of 250 ppm N and Plant Probiotic at a rate of ¼ lb. per 100 gallons. Continue feeding at 250 ppm N through the mist system once a day with all remaining mist applications of water.

Occasional Feed Program to Transplant: Apply Plant Probiotic again at transplant at a rate of ½ lb. per 100 gallons (transplant through pinch). Feed 3 times per week with Nature's Source 10-4-3 or 10-4-5 at 300-350 ppm N.

**Growing On:** (pinch through color development) Feed with Nature's Source 10-4-3 or 10-4-5 at a rate of 250-300 ppm 2 times per week.

**Finishing:** (color development through sale) Continue feeding with Nature's Source 10-4-3 or 10-4-5 at a rate of 250 ppm N 2 times per week all the way through sale.

Nature's Source Foliar Essentials can be applied starting in propagation and on through the growing cycle of the crop. This application encourages a more compact growth habit with increased tone and enhanced nutrient uptake. Apply at a rate of 1 gallon per 100 gallons of water (1 oz. per gallon) every 7-10 days, as needed.

For Growers who prefer Constant Feed: Feed with Nature's Source 10-4-3 or 10-4-5 at 250 ppm.

*Nature's Source Benefits:* Poinsettias grown with Nature's Source will be deeper in color with pliable stems – not brittle as is often the case resulting from use of synthetic water-soluble fertilizers.

Many Growers recommend feeding until shipping and market plants full of energy and nutrition vs. hungry, stressed plants for reduced leaf drop, stem and bract damage, resulting in enhanced post-harvest quality.

## **Referenced Products**

Nature's Source® Professional Plant Food 10-4-3 Nature's Source® Nursery & Landscape Special Plant Food 10-4-5 Nature's Source® Foliar Essentials BioNutritionTM Spray Nature's Source® Plant Probiotic

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