



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

I'CONIA[®] BEGONIA

4 Key Ways to Help Avoid Blindness

1 I'Conia[®] are unique and different than Hiemalis (Rieger/eliator and Solenia types and should not be paired together in propagation.

- Apply only enough mist to keep them turgid, should be off mist by day 7-10. High humidity is good, but not excessive mist.

2 LIGHT, LIGHT, LIGHT! Both day extension and high quality are necessary.

- 16-18 hours/day (extension) required (prop to finish)
- High quality light and light penetration to meristem is critical (DLI=10-16+ moles/day)
- Begin to increase light slowly (no quick changes) as soon as cutting are off mist.

3 “Goldilocks Environment” - stress can lead to blindness.

- Maintain a low stress (warm) environment, heating is required.
- Provide even temperatures, fertility and light; no quick changes.
- Avoid dry down (wilt) and don't water too heavy (2-4 moisture range is ideal).

4 No pinching necessary.

- Pinching correctly is complicated and not necessary. Skip it to avoid possible blindness.