

PLANTING FACTS

1.

The seedlings are hand planted from December on to ensure flowering throughout April.

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Seedlings are raised in plug trays in the nursery prior to planting. A tray is made up of individual cells, known as plugs, which provide a safe environment for seeds to grow into well established seedlings with independent root systems, ready to be transplanted into the ground or pots.

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Farmer Dennis carefully prepares the soil, forming 'beds' just ahead of planting to keep the soil fluffy and filled with air to allow easy planting and the roots good access to grow.

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Tesselaar has designed a special roller that attaches to the back of a tractor that marks the seedling holes for planting to ensure optimal plant growth.

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The roller shows where to plant the seedlings, and makes a hole slightly bigger than the plug in the soil. The hole provides room for the roots to grow and a little well for the water so the roots stay moist.

6.

Over 150,000 seedlings are planted by hand, lovingly placed into the soil one by one.

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Farmer Dennis and his team keep on top of pest control, weeding, fertilising and most importantly, watering to ensure an amazing display of colour and blooms in autumn.

