

# First Editions®

## Blue Puffball™ Chastetree Culture Sheet

First Editions® Blue Puffball™ Chastetree  
*Vitex agnus-castus* 'PIIVAC-II' PP26,775

Deciduous/Evergreen: Deciduous



### Southern Region Container Production

pH: 5.5-6.5

EC: 0.5-2.0

Hardiness: Zone 6-9

Heat Zone: 9-6

Fertilization Requirements	Medium to high rate of controlled release fertilizer.
Overwintering Practices and Temperatures	Overwinter in a cold frame. Overwintering temperatures generally greater than 20°F when fully dormant.
Light Levels	Full sun
Water Requirements	Keep plants moist, but do not over water plants at any time.
Planting Season	Planting occurs fall and spring.
Propagation Method and Notes	0.1-0.3% KIBA applied to softwood cuttings in spring and summer.
Pest/Disease Management	Bacterial leaf spot observed with restricted air flow.
PGR Application	No experience with PGRs.
Flowers on new or old wood	Blooms on new wood.
Special Notes	Deadhead, will rebloom.

### Estimated Finishing Times

8" Container	#3 Container
Pot using a 2 1/2" plug in spring. Plants will finish in one season.	Pot using 8" upshift. Plants will finish in 4 to 5 months of growing time.

## **Pacific Northwest Region Container Production**

pH: 6-6.5

EC: 1.0-1.5

Hardiness: Zone 6-9

Fertilization Requirements	8 month (18-6-11) incorp is used at planting.
Overwintering Practices and Temperatures	Overwinter under poly. Overwintering temperatures are greater than 25°F.
Light Levels	Full sun
Water Requirements	Medium water requirements.
Planting Season	Planting occurs in spring.
Propagation Method and Notes	Softwood cuttings are taken during summer months. IBA can be applied via a spray or dip at 750 ppm. Root readily, once established make sure not to prolong leaf wetness as it can cause leaf spot issues.
Pest/Disease Management	Bacterial leaf spot observed.
PGR Application	No experience with PGRs.
Flowers on new or old wood	Blooms on new wood.
Special Notes	

### **Estimated Finishing Times**

Liner	#2 Container
LO 38 plug	Finish in 1 year with a flush.

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Note: The information presented should be considered as a starting point for best practices. Production times and product applications will vary depending on the growing region and conditions. It is the responsibility of the applicator to follow all current manufacturer label directions in a responsible manner.