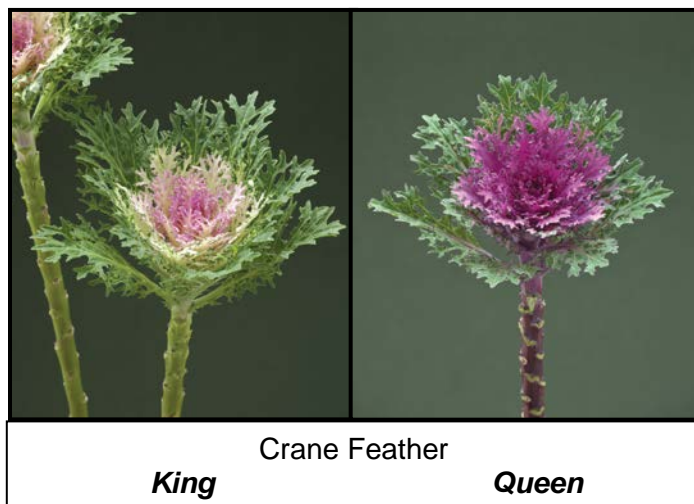


Cut Flower Kale

F₁ Crane Feather™ Series

Brassica oleracea



COLORS AVAILABLE:	King (white), Queen (red)
SIZE/PLANT HABIT/TYPE	20 to 36 inches/ Single stemmed/Annual
NOVELTY CHARACTERISTICS	First uniform, feather-leaf cut type, long stemmed, long lasting in arrangements and bouquets,
	<u>CULTURAL RECOMMENDATIONS:</u>
SEASONAL APPLICATION	
SOWING:	July – August (June in cooler areas)
FINISHING:	October - December
PHOTOPERIODISM:	Daylength neutral, cool temperatures required for color to develop
PLUG STAGE	
TRAY SIZE:	288, 200
GERMINATION:	3 – 4 days at 70 – 75° F in greenhouse
EC (POUR THROUGH METHOD):	Medium feeders, calcium based fertilizer recommended
PLUG FINISH TIME:	No more than 3 weeks
FINISHING	
TRANSPLANT:	At 2 to 3 true leaf stag, as soon as plug can be pulled
SPACING::	6 inch or less with netting
TEMPERATURE:	70-85°F initially for stem elongation, then less than 60°F to develop color
DAYS TO HARVEST:	90 to 120 days
COMMON DISEASE/PESTS	Aphids, Lepidoptera larvae, root maggots

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- Transplant as soon as plugs can be pulled from tray (2-3 weeks)
 - If left in plug tray too long, plants can be planted deep to maintain straight stems
- Tight spacing encourages taller stems (no more than 6" centers).
- Netting is suggested as plants will fall over and produce a curved stem making them unsuitable for cut flower use.
- When the plants are 10 inches tall, the lower leaves can be removed to encourage thinner stems.
- After transplant
 - Give plants adequate fertilizer and keep moist during young growing stage.
 - 3-4 weeks after transplanting to finish beds, begin to reduce water
 - 4-6 weeks before finishing, minimize water as much as possible. This will produce stronger, thinner stems and smaller, rose shaped heads.
 - Plants should begin to color about mid-October.
 - Plants should be ready to harvest about mid-November.

