

Plantpeddler Poinsettia Variety Day 2019 Results

Plantpeddler, located in Cresco, Iowa, conducted a trial of 157 commercial and pre-release Poinsettia varieties. Variety Day was hosted on Thursday, December 5, with representatives of all major breeders, broker representatives, and growers in attendance. The trial was produced under natural season commercial production protocol. Mike Gooder, president of Plantpeddler said “We are proud to showcase genetics under northern USA growing conditions. It is important to do a Poinsettia production trial as a way for the industry and our growers to see how varieties perform in real world greenhouse conditions where low temperatures and light levels are common during production.”

Genetics represented were submitted by Beekenkamp, Dummen Orange, Lazzeri, Rinehart Poinsettias, Selecta, Suntory, and Syngenta Flowers. Plantpeddler is licensed by all the represented breeders and prides itself on being a one-stop shop for premier Poinsettia liners. “We have a real commitment to trialing as part of our leadership position in Poinsettias.” said Mike as to why Plantpeddler conducts their Poinsettia trial. Another commitment of Plantpeddler is to facilitate best practices in the hort industry. To that end a “lunch and learn” presentation on Poinsettia Growing Tips was given by Gary Vollmer which was sponsored this year by Selecta One.

As a true production trial, the tested varieties were grown within a block of benchmark commercial varieties with the same treatments and environmental conditions. This year, the Fall production conditions represented a more typical cycle with average temperatures mid-September leading into initiation. Due to construction, temperatures may have varied slightly below set point during extreme low temp. nights (sub zero). In mid-November we experienced moderate temps. with heavy overcast skies for extended periods. Light levels improved from Thanksgiving up to the trial event.

Trial attendees voted using a three flag system for “Best Red Variety” and “Best Non-Red Variety” with a 3, 2, 1 point scoring. The results are as follows:

Red Variety Top 10

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Variety</i>	<i>Breeder</i>	<i>Color</i>
1	Mirage Red	Syngenta Flowers	Red
2	Robyn Red®	Beekenkamp	Red
3	Astro Red®	Beekenkamp	Red
4	Tapestry	Dummen Orange	Red
5	Christmas Eve Red	Selecta	Red
6	Aria™ Red	Syngenta Flowers	Red
7	RF503CB	Dummen Orange	Red
8	Futura Red - 233	Lazzeri	Red
9	Christmas Beauty™ Red	Selecta	Red
10	Draco Red	Syngenta Flowers	Red

Non-Red Variety Top 10

Rank	Variety	Breeder	Color
1	Superba Glitter - 746	Lazzeri	Specialty
2	Alpina - 741	Lazzeri	White
3	Jack Frost	Rinehart	White
4	Frozen EK3818SP	Dummen Orange	White
5	Pure White	Rinehart	White
6	Princettia Queen Pink	Suntory	Pink
7	Candy™ Cinnamon	Syngenta Flowers	Specialty
8	Christmas Beauty™ Marble	Selecta	Marble
9	Golden Glo	Dummen Orange	White
10	RF535JIN	Dummen Orange	Specialty

Plantpeddler extends a sincere thank-you to all the breeders for help making this trial possible. Mark your calendars now for next year's Plantpeddler Poinsettia Variety Day trial event on Thursday, December 3, 2020. Plantpeddler's Variety Day trial event showcasing Annuals and 40th Anniversary celebration is August 6-8, 2020. Please make plans to attend both events. For more information contact Plantpeddler at (800) 827-1654 and info@plantpeddler.com.

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Top 10 Red Poinsettias



#1 Mirage Red - Syngenta Flowers



#2 Robyn Red - Beekenkamp



#3 Astro Red - Beekenkamp



#4 Tapestry - Dummen Orange



#5 Christmas Eve Red - Selecta One



#6 Aria Red - Syngenta Flowers



#7 RF5003CB - Dummen Orange



#8 Futura Red - Lazzeri



#9 Christmas Beauty Red -
Selecta One



#10 Draco Red - Syngenta Flowers

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Top 10 Poinsettias - Non-Red Varieties



#1 Superba Glitter - Lazzeri



#2 Alpina - Lazzeri



#3 Jack Frost - Rinehart



#4 Frozen- Dummen Orange



#5 Pure White - Rinehart



#6 Princettia Queen Pink - Suntory



#7 Candy Cinnamon -
Syngenta Flowers



#8 Christmas Beauty Marble -
Selecta One



#9 Golden Glo -
Dummen Orange



#10 RF535JIN -
Dummen Orange