

## Finished Pot Caladiums - Germination

Our procedures are as follows:

- 1) Bulbs for potting are selected and de-eyed.
- 2) De-eyed bulbs are potted and the pots are placed in carrying trays.
- 3) Pots are watered, drained for a few minutes and stacked on pallets.
- 4) Stacked palletized pots are wrapped in plastic and labeled.
- 5) Pallets are placed in a germination room which is kept at 80-85° F (27-29°C) for 2-3 weeks (until sprouting is observed).
- 6) After sprouting, pallets are removed from the germination room and the plastic cover is removed.
- 7) Pots are spaced and fertilized with a 90 day CRF.



Label plastic covered palletized pots



Palletized pots in germination room



Close-up of palletized pots in germination room



Observe sprouting before removing from germination room   Pallets removed from germination room



Uncovering sprouted bulbs



Uncovered sprouted bulbs

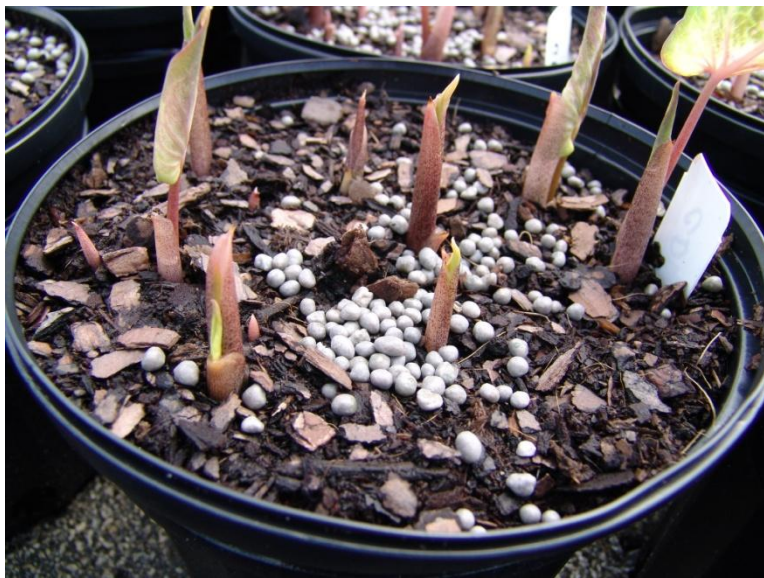




Red Ruffles 1 wk after uncovering



Candyland 2 wks after uncovering



Candyland showing applied Controlled Release Fertilizer (CRF)