

Get Ahead with Late-season Production

How can being late make you early? When you use late-season production to maximize the next season's crops! It's a smart way for growers to make sure grasses are full and ready for the spring rush.



How does it work? Bring in grass liners late summer and early fall for transplanting. The short-term goal is for them to put on roots and get established before heading into dormancy. When spring comes, they'll start stronger and finish faster than if potted up the same season. You can hit prime time earlier with full, finished plants. This strategy also works if you're aiming for larger sizes like 2- or 3-gallon containers. Starting them at the end of the previous season will give you a fast, robust finish for summer and fall sales.

Successful late-season production requires having the resources to overwinter the plants. In addition, you'll need to time it so your newly transplanted crops can establish roots before going dormant. Growers in cooler climates should aim their late-season production for late summer, while those in warmer climates have a longer window.

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Popular grasses like *Panicum*, *Pennisetum*, *Andropogon*, *Miscanthus*, and *Muhlenbergia* do well in late-season production. *Carex*, which are cool-season growers, thrive with this scheduling. They're actively growing late in the season when you would transplant them. Once overwintered, they'll break dormancy earlier than warm-season grasses and will be lush and full for early spring.

If you'd like to learn more about late-season production, the **Container Production section** on our website has resources to help:



- *Panicum* follows the same track as most warm-season grasses, so it's a good place to start. Our **Problem-free Panicum** page gives advice on scheduling, along with tips for avoiding the most common pitfalls with this popular grass.
- *Carex* do really well in late-season production. Get the scoop on their requirements and how they differ from grasses with **Considerations in Carex Container Production**.
- If you're taking advantage of late-season production, then you'll be overwintering plants. Check out **Overwintering Container-grown Grasses** for how to do that successfully.
- Like *Carex*, cool-season grasses have different needs than warm-season grasses. Find out how to manage them in **Growing Cool-Season Grasses**.
- For all-around info, consult our **Ten Tips for Growing Grasses in Production**.

Late-season production gives you a smart head start. See our **current availability** to pick the grasses that will boost your sales next spring! Call or email our sales team—they can help you decide, figure out timing, and get you going.