

# The Perennial Farm

## Guideline for definitions used on Weekly Availability (Updated 3-11-10)

- **Retail Ready** - Plant is rooted with seasonally appropriate foliage. They are uniformly attractive and fill the pot. Plant is suitable for immediate retail sales benches. They are generally beautiful plants but may not be budded or blooming. Either it is not the time of year that the particular plant blooms or the plant is known more for its foliage than its flowers. (i.e. Heuchera are known for their foliage but not for their flowers. Or we may have beautiful Echinacea perennials that are retail ready in May but they do not bloom until July/August).
- **Note:** Perennials are not annuals. **Color does sell, but** a discriminating perennial buyer wants good looking, healthy plants from March till November. Perennials do not need to be sold only when they are in bloom. They can, and should be sold throughout the year.
- **Ready Nice** - Plants are rooted, have nice foliage, or may be Buds/Blooms, but may not completely fill the pot yet.
- **Buds & Bloom** - Plants are rooted with emerging buds and/or flowers. Plants fill the pot and are retail ready Budded and/or Blooming. These plants are generally known for their flowers and are in bloom.
- **Ready** - Plants are rooted and ready to plant with seasonally appropriate foliage. Plants are at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  full in the pot and ready for immediate planting.
- **Some Ready** - Some of the plants in the particular crop are ready for immediate planting but some of the crop may still be a little small. We will advise you when you order.
- **Ready Small** - Plants are rooted but only fill about  $\frac{1}{2}$  the pot on top.
- **Ready Soon** - Crop is a little small and should be ready in a week to 10 days. Plants in most cases are appropriate for immediate planting but may only fill the pot  $\frac{3}{4}$ .
- **2 - 3, 4 - 5 Weeks** - (The approximate number of weeks before crop is ready to plant.
- **Call** - Limited amounts of this plant may be available. Plants may be in various other stages of growth. We may have a number of plants available that will meet your requirements.
- **Trimmed** - Plants are rooted and ready to plant. Plant tips or the upper half have been trimmed to improve the look and shape of the plant.
- **Cutback** - Cut back. Plants are rooted and ready to plant outdoors. The foliage has been appropriately cutback either for winter or to improve their overall shape and attractiveness. Plants are usually appropriate for planting and usually flush back out within 1 - 2 weeks during the growing season.
- **Ready Emerging** - Coming out of dormancy. Plant is rooted and ready to plant. It is showing life, just above the soil surface.
- **Dormant** - Plant is rooted, ready to plant but is not showing any green above the soil surface.