

AgBud



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Did you know?

When used as cut flowers they should be placed in a container of their own. The sap they produce can cause other cut flowers to wilt. If you wish to mix your cut flowers you should soak the daffodils in water for at least 24 hours to remove their sap.

Overview

- Perennial flower that emerges from bulbs in the springtime. They are unique because they have two regions to their flower. The petals (perianth) and the cup (corona).
- Colors include yellow, orange, pink or white.
- They are classified based on their shape and origins, and there is 13 different divisions. Approximately 45% are considered in the large-cupped division.

Production

When planted in the right conditions they can bloom up to 50 years.

There is over 32k registered hybrids of daffodils, but only about 10% of those are commercially available.

Most daffodils are imported, but some breeders operate in western U.S. and one breeding operation is in Virginia.

Daffodil

Kingdom: Plantae

Family: Amaryllidaceae

Genus: Narcissus

Species: approx. 36 species

History

- Originated from Europe and Northern Africa. It's thought that settlers from Great Britain brought them when they came to America.
- It is believed that the Romans planted daffodils in memory of loved ones and comrades fallen in battle.
- The modern day daffodil evolved during the 1800s.
- Rev. George Herbert Engleheart is credited as the father of the modern day daffodil.
- Daffodil Days are used to show support for cancer awareness and research.
- They are named after the mythological boy, Narcissus.

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Daffodil Anatomy

