

Upon completion of the research it was clear that growing plugs is feasible for any small grower with a greenhouse and adequate knowledge to start the plugs. Each grower needs to examine their own circumstances to determine whether it makes most sense to grow or purchase plugs for their operation. For top quality plugs the grower needs to pay attention to maximizing environmental controls as well as using quality seeds, media and fertilizer. There are significant differences in composts and fertilizers. The ones that were tested were both adequate for seedling growth but like anyone on a quest; I'm still going to search for ones that work better.

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