

## Walters Gardens, Inc. Announces Supply Partnership With Darwin Perennials

## Quality genetics will be supplied as unrooted cuttings from the Darwin Colombia farm.

West Chicago, IL & Zeeland, MI – Walters Gardens, Inc. and Darwin Perennials are pleased to announce that Darwin Colombia, the vegetative perennial production farm near Bogota, Colombia, will be offering unrooted cuttings of select Walters Gardens genetics in spring 2017.

Beginning April 1, Darwin Colombia will offer unrooted cuttings of over 40 varieties of Walters Gardens' exceptional new genetics, including many popular genera such as Agastache, Monarda, Nepeta, Phlox, and many more. (Proven Winners® Perennials, a successful program for Walters Gardens and an avenue for their very best introductions, is only available through the Proven Winners network.)

"Over the years, we've been developing what we feel are some top-notch perennial genetics. As a company of our size, we can only penetrate so much of the market. We made the decision to open up our lineup in the unrooted form so our product can be readily accessible to many growers," says John Walters, CEO of Walters Gardens. "Darwin Colombia was a natural choice as a supply partner for such a venture due to their excellent reputation for quality and delivery."

"We are excited to add Walters Gardens genetics to our 2017 assortment. This partnership will strengthen the supply chain for these sought-after perennials and complement our offering of Darwin Perennials varieties and other genetics into the market from the farm," says Mike Klopmeyer, General Manager of Darwin Perennials.

Walters Gardens unrooted cuttings are offered for sale through Darwin Perennials' established North American distribution channels. Contact your preferred distributor for 2017 booking.

For a full list of varieties, click here.

About Walters Gardens, Inc.:

Walters Gardens is a wholesale nursery, currently in its 70<sup>th</sup> year of operation, that works to supply some of the best perennials to the market. Through their young plant operation, they provide both greenhouse plugs and generously sized bare root to growers and retailers across the United States and Canada. Through licensing the genetics of their hybridizing program, Walters Gardens perennial varieties are offered nearly all over the world. For more information about Walters Gardens, visit: <a href="www.waltersgardens.com">www.waltersgardens.com</a>.

About Darwin Perennials:

Darwin Perennials, a division of Ball Horticultural Company, is a leading breeder and producer of cutting and tissue culture propagated perennials for the greenhouse and nursery industry.

This quality-focused brand is supported by unrooted cutting supply out of its South American farm, Darwin Colombia. With its focus on Perennials with Staying Power™, the Darwin Perennials' product lineup means success for your perennial program. For more information, visit www.darwinperennials.com.