

SESSION V: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS®

David Hannings: I understand you root cuttings in the fall and they stay on the mist beds all winter. Are the mist beds in the greenhouse or outdoors? Also, what do you do about nutrition during that period?

Sandy Howkins: The mist benches are indoors. The bottom heat is turned down to 50 °F. They do not receive any nutrition.

Devin Cooper: When do you change the misting frequency from 5 sec every 5 min to something else?

Sandy Howkins: The misting frequency follows light duration changes. Once the cuttings are well-rooted in the fall, the bottom heat is turned down by the first of November. Then, they receive one 5-min misting cycle around noon. We watch the cuttings through the winter months, during which they receive one irrigation per week through December or January. Once it starts to warm up in February they will get two irrigations per week.