## In The News: Darwin Perennials Takes Production Offshore In Bogota, Colombia

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This summer, Darwin Perennials, a division of Ball Horticultural Co., announced its purchase of the perennial unrooted production facility, Green Leaf Plants Colombia, or Flores del Amanecer (FDA), from Aris Horticulture Inc.

Located in Bogota, Colombia, FDA has been a supplier of unrooted cutting and tissueculture propagated perennials and cut flower varieties.

The acquisition strengthens Darwin Perennials' supply chain into the North American market. For the past four years, Darwin Perennials has been working closely with Florexpo, based in Paraiso, Costa Rica, a major perennial unrooted cuttings supplier in the global market.

That relationship will continue, complemented by Darwin Perennials' additional supply capabilities through FDA, now named Darwin Colombia. The farm will continue to supply perennial unrooted cuttings and tissue culture young plants into the North American and European markets, and is now wholly owned by Darwin Perennials.



"The Colombian farm gives Darwin Perennials a way to increase the availability of our genetics into the North American market, in addition to our existing supply relationships," says Mike Klopmeyer, general manager for Darwin Perennials. "We are excited about leveraging the product quality from Darwin Colombia to support the availability of our industry leading genetics" ...

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