

## THE INFLUENCE OF SUBSTRATUM OVER THE PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY OF DIANTHUS CARYOPHYLLUS CHABAUD

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### Abstract

*In Romania the flowers are popular and appreciated by buyers, that is why in the Greenhouse Complex of Sintandrei, Bihor, in 2012-2014 were made experiments wich can prove the positive effect of substratum over the productivity, quality and growth of plants.*

*The Dianthus Caryophyllus Chabaud species were used in the experiment with big red flowers, hartshaped, bright – green leaves (7-12 cm/ 0,5 – 1 cm), with long stems (Georget P. 1999).*

*Thwe beauty of flowers, the fact that they can be hold a long time in water, the high productivity make`s Dianthus a very beloved greenhouse plant, Analysing European producers and buyers opinion the Dianthus is on the 6<sup>th</sup> place, after carnations, roses, tulips, chrysanthemums and gerberas. (Selaru E. 2004)*

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### INTRODUCTION

The genus includes about 270 annual , biennial and perennial species. Among the perennial species, the best known is D. caryophyllus, semperflorens variety, cultivated as an annual or biennial, including several types: greenhouse Carnation, summer Carnation (Chabaud), Vienna carnation. Summer Carnation is a plant that grows as a shrub with strongly scented flowers, small lanceolate leaves and it multiplies by seed. (Selaru E., 2004)

### THE MATERIAL AND WORK METHOD

The experiment contains three version:

V1 – culture on substratum: 15% peat, 40% wood soil, 15% sphagnum moss, 15% perlite, 15% sheep manure

V2 – culture on substratum: 30% peat, 30% wood soil, 20% sphagnum moss, 10% perlite, 10% sheep manure.

V3 – cultura on substratum: 20% peat, 20% wood soil 20% sphagnum moss, 20% perlite, 20% sheep manure

The thickness of culture substratum was 40 cm place don warmed barriers.

Every version had 2 barriers of 60 mp eachone, accordingly 120 mp.

The substratum was fertilized the same way for each version. During the experiment the pH was maintained between 4,5 – 5,6. The plants were planted in august assuring a density of 7 plants/mp on a barrier. (Lammene E. 2000).

During the experiment there were made 40 fertilizations with a complex fertilizer with a concentration of 0,1 – 0,3% (Zahana D. 1994).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Acording to table 1 the results were: 100,2 flowers /mp at version 1 (substratum formed by 15% peat, 40% wood soil, 15% sphagnum moss, 15% perlite, 15% sheep manure) 110,2 flowers / mp at version 2 (substratum formed by 30% peat 30% wod soil, 20% sphagnum moss 10% perlite and 10% sheep manure), 115,3 flowers/mp at version 3 (substratum formed by 20% peat, 20% wood soil, 20% sphagnum moss and 20% perlite, 20% sheep manure).

*Table 1*

The production of *Dianthus caryophyllus* Chabaud depending on the substratum's influence

Versions	Flower productivity		Difference	The significance on the difference
	Absolut (flower/mp)	Relativ (%)		
V1 –15% peat, 40% wood soil, 15% sphagnum moss 15% perlite, 15% sheep manure	100,2	100	-	-
V2-30% peat, 30% wood soil, 20% sphagnum moss, 20% perlite and 20%sheep manure	110,2	109,9	10	*
V3 – 20% peat, 20% wood soil, 20% sphagnum moss and 20% perlite	115,3	115	15,1	***

LSD 5% -8,5

LSD 1% - 12,8

LSD 0,1% - 19,3

That can be seen the rise in production, on relative aspect, with 10% on V<sub>2</sub> and with 15% on V<sub>3</sub> as the V<sub>1</sub> variant.

On the qualitative aspect, the production of *Dianthus caryophyllus* Chabaud is positively influenced by the growing substratum.

Table 2

The production quality of *Dianthus caryophyllus* Chabaud influenced by the growing substratum

Variants	Productivity of cut flowers		
	Total (flower/mp)	Excelent quality	
		Absolut (flower/mp)	Relativ %
V1 – 15% peat, 40% wood soil, 15% sphagnum moss, 15% perlite, 15% sheep manure	100,2	85	84
V2 – 30% peat, 30% wood soil, 20% sphagnum moss, 10% perlite and 10% sheep manure	110,2	94	93
V3 – 20% peat 20% wood soil, 20% sphagnum moss and 20% perlite, 20% sheep manure	115,3	101	100

At version 1 (substratum formed by 15% peat, 40% wood soil, 15% sphagnum moss, 15% perlite, 15% sheep manure), 84% of flowers were of excellent quality, at version 2 (substratum formed by 30% peat, 30% wood soil, 20% Sphagnum moss, 10% perlite and 10% sheep manure), 93% of flowers were of excellent quality, at version 3, 100 % of flowers were of excellent quality.

Making an economic analyzing of the 3 version the best substratum was formed by 20% peat, 20% wood soil, 20% Sphagnum moss and 20% perlite, 20% sheep manure. Because of the high quality of flowers and high productivity, the value of the production was 2,1,26million lei/ha (version 2). The price of the flowers depends of the cutting period.

The value of the flowers was 1,27 million lei/ha (version 3). The price of the flowers depended of the cutting period.

Analising the experiences, the cost of electric energy and indirectly expenses are 20% of all expenses level.

Table 3

Productivity, expense and profit

Variante	Expense (thousand lei/ha)	Productivity (thousand flowers/ha)	The value of productivity (Thousand lei/ha)	Profit (thousand lei/ha)
V1	1056000	802000	716000	340000
V2	1267000	902000	738000	529000
V3	1279500	953000	663000	616500

The profit at version 3 was higher with 616500 lei/ha as at version 2 and with 529500 lei/ha as at version 1 and with 340000 lei/ha.

## CONCLUSIONS

- Growing *Dianthus caryophyllus* Chabaud in greenhouse is a good source of money.
- Version 2 and 3 had a high productivity because of the higher percent of peat and the perlite 30% higher at version 2 (substratum formed by 30% peat, 30% wood soil, 20% sphagnum moss, 10% perlite and 10% sheep manure), and with 16% higher at version 3 (substratum formed by 20% peat 20% wood soil, 20% sphagnum moss and 20% perlite, 20% sheep manure) as at version 1 (substratum formed by 15% peat, 40% wood soil, 15% sphagnum moss, 15% perlite, 15% sheep manure).
- The substratum with peat and perlite kept the water and thermic energy inside
- The cost for obtaining the peat – perlite substratum were recovered by the profit

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