

The Best of the Best-of-Class Winter/Early Spring Bedding Plant Selections Most Suitable for the Garden

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In the fall of 1999, the University of Florida's Gulf Coast Research & Education Center initiated a best-of-class evaluation system. Cultivars were organized into color classes and, depending on crop differences, into other classes such as height and flower type. Multiple plots for each cultivar were randomly planted in a sprayed field and an unsprayed field to evaluate plant quality and pest damage, respectively. Ratings were taken over time in both fields and the rating averages combined to produce an overall performance rating that was used to select the best-of-class cultivar for each class. We use these best-of-class selections in future trials to compare their performance with that of new entries. If a new entry has a higher overall performance rating, it replaces the best-of-class. A best-of-class selection may be a good performer, but an entire class may produce only a poor one. Also, cultivars not selected for best-of-class, because their rating value was good but lower, may still be similar in performance to the best-of-class; nevertheless, whether poor or similar in performance, we need and choose only one selection for future comparisons to provide the newest plants in the widest variety of colors.

From the list of best-of-class cultivars, a more selective list (below) was created to provide county extension agents, growers, landscapers and homeowners with the best selection of plants for the central Florida garden. Combined foliage and flower ratings must be ≥ 4.5 and overall performance must rating must be ≥ 5.0 . Detailed evaluations on all cultivars may be found on the front page of our trials website at *Articles, Papers & Reports* to expand your knowledge and plant choices, or at *Best-of-Class Display Gardens*, choose a garden were they may be seen in a formal display.

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2004 Best-of-Class Winter List

The Very Best of the Cultivars Evaluated and Suitable for Use in the Central Florida Winter Landscape

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More information on the trials conducted with these selections may be viewed on our trials web page:

<http://vtgcrec.ifas.ufl.edu>.

Information on the best season(s) to grow these and other bedding plant crops in Florida may be found on this web page:

<http://vtgcrec.ifas.ufl.edu/seasonal%20planting%20guide%20for%20beddmain.htm>.

Best-of-class ¹ Season/Year	Class ²				Common Name	Scientific Name	Cultivar	Seed Company ³
	Plant Type	Plant Height Class	Flower Type	Flower or Fruit [†] Color				
W03-04	N/A ⁴	N/A	N/A	Pink	Alyssum	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Wonderland Pastel Pink	Bodger Seeds
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), blue-violet	Alyssum	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Wonderland Deep Purple	Bodger Seeds
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rose (dark)	Alyssum	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Wonderland Deep Rose	Bodger Seeds
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rose/white	Alyssum	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Wonderland Copper	Bodger Seeds
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	White	Alyssum	<i>Lobularia maritima</i>	Snow Crystals	PanAmerican Seed
W03-04	N/A	Tall	N/A	Blue (Dark)	Delphinium (Candle Larkspur)	<i>Delphinium elatum</i>	Aurora Blue	American Takii
W03-04	N/A	Tall	N/A	Purple (dark), blue-violet	Delphinium (Candle Larkspur)	<i>Delphinium elatum</i>	Aurora Deep Purple	American Takii
W03-04	N/A	Tall	N/A	Purple (Light), red-violet	Delphinium (Candle Larkspur)	<i>Delphinium elatum</i>	Guardian Lavender	PanAmerican Seed

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W03-04	N/A	Tall	N/A	White	Delphinium (Candle Larkspur)	<i>Delphinium elatum</i>	Guardian White	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2003	N/A	Dwarf	Cymose ⁵	Purple, blue-violet	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	Noverna Purple	Kieft Seeds
Sp03	N/A	Tall	Cymose	Purple (red-violet)	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Amazon Neon Purple	PanAmerican Seed
Sp03	N/A	Tall	Cymose	Red	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Amazon Neon Cherry	PanAmerican Seed
Sp03	N/A	Tall	Cymose	Rose to white shift	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Amazon Rose Magic	PanAmerican Seed
Sp03	N/A	Tall	Double	Purple, red-violet	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Dynasty Purple	PanAmerican Seed
Sp03	N/A	Tall	Double	Red	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Dynasty Red	PanAmerican Seed
W03-04	N/A	Tall	Double	Rose/White	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Dynasty Rose Lace ⁶	PanAmerican Seed
Sp03	N/A	Tall	Double	White	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Dynasty White Blush	PanAmerican Seed
F2000	N/A	Dwarf	Single	Mix	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Diamond Mixed*	Sakata Seed America
W03-04	N/A	Dwarf	Single	Mix	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Garden Leader Frosted Mix*	Grimes Seed
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Single	Pink	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Diamond Pink	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Single	Purple (Red-violet) shades	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Diamond Purple	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Single	Red/White	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Telstar Picotee	American Takii

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W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Single	Red shades	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Diamond Carmine Rose	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Single	White to pink color shift	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Diamond Blush Pink	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Tall	Single	Pink	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Melody Pink	Sakata Seed America
W02-03	N/A	Tall	Single	White to pink color shift	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus interspecific hybrid</i>	Melody Blush Pink	Sakata Seed America
Sp02	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bronze	Gazania	<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Kiss Bronze	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
Sp02	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bronze to yellow shift	Gazania	<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Kiss Bronze Star	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
Sp02	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mix	Gazania	<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Kiss Frosty Mix	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
Sp02	N/A	N/A	N/A	Orange	Gazania	<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Kiss Orange	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
Sp02	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rose/white	Gazania	<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Kiss Mahogany	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
Sp02	N/A	N/A	N/A	White	Gazania	<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Kiss White	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
Sp02	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yellow	Gazania	<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Kiss Golden Yellow	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Orange	Geranium	<i>Pelargonium xhortorum</i>	Maverick Orange Appeal	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Orange shades/tints	Geranium	<i>Pelargonium xhortorum</i>	Horizon Coral Spice*	Floranova Plant Breeders
Sp2002	Standard	N/A	N/A	Orange shades/tints	Geranium	<i>Pelargonium xhortorum</i>	Maverick Light Salmon*	Flower Fields - Goldsmith

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	Plant Type	Plant Height Class	Flower Type	Flower Color				
Sp2002	Standard	N/A	N/A	Pink/white	Geranium	<i>Pelargonium xhortorum</i>	Maverick Star	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Red	Geranium	<i>Pelargonium xhortorum</i>	Horizon Red	Floranova Plant Breeders
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Red shades/tints	Geranium	<i>Pelargonium xhortorum</i>	Horizon Scarlet	Floranova Plant Breeders
W0203	Standard	N/A	N/A	White	Geranium	<i>Pelargonium xhortorum</i>	Maverick White	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	Blue shades	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Nature Blue	American Takii
W01-02	N/A	N/A	N/A	Blue with blotch	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Nature Ocean	American Takii
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mix	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Panola Clear Mix	PanAmerican Seed
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Orange	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Panola Orange	PanAmerican Seed
W01-02	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pink with blotch	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Nature Pink Shades	American Takii
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark) blue-violet	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Bingo Clear Purple	PanAmerican Seed
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	Purple, (dark) blue-violet/white face and blotch	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Panola Purple With Face	PanAmerican Seed
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	Purple, (dark) blue-violet with white face and dark veins	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Whiskers Purple White	Ball Seed
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	Purple, (dark) blue-violet with white cap	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Nature Beacon	American Takii

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	Plant Type	Plant Height Class	Flower Type	Flower Color				
W00-01	N/A	N/A	N/A	Purple, blue-violet with blotch	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Baby Bingo Denim	PanAmerican Seed
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Purple shades/tints with yellow/white face and blotch	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Majestic Giants II Marina Shades	Sakata Seed America
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	Red with blotch	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Karma Red Blotch	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Red with blotch w/yellow	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Dynamite Wine Flash	Sakata Seed America
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rose with blotch	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Nature Rose w/Blotch	American Takii
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	White	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Nature White	American Takii
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yellow	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Nature Yellow	American Takii
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yellow with Blotch	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Panola Yellow Blotch	PanAmerican Seed
W02-03	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yellow with blotch and purple blue-violet cap	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Iona Purple & Yellow With Blotch	American Takii
W01-02	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yellow with blotch and red cap	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Bingo Red & Yellow	PanAmerican Seed
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yellow with dark veins	Pansy	<i>Viola xwittrockiana</i>	Whiskers Yellow	Ball Seed
Sp2002	Floribunda	N/A	Single	Blue	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Celebrity Mid Blue	Bodger Seeds

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Sp2002	Floribunda	N/A	Single	Mix	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Waterfall Madness Mix	Ball Seed
Sp2002	Floribunda	N/A	Single	Pink	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Celebrity Chiffon Morn	Bodger Seeds
Sp2002	Floribunda	N/A	Single	Purple (dark), red-violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Magenta Madness	Ball Seed
Sp2001	Floribunda	N/A	Single	Rose	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Celebrity Rose	Bodger Seeds
Sp2002	Floribunda	N/A	Single	White	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Celebrity White	Bodger Seeds
Sp2004	Grandiflora	N/A	Double	Blue (dark)	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Double Cascade Blue	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2004	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Blue	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Dreams Sky Blue	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2004	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Blue (dark)	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Eagle Blue Improved	Sakata Seed America
Sp2001	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Mix	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Dreams Wild Rose Mix	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2002	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Orange shades/tints	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Ultra Salmon	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
F2000	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Pink	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Eagle Pastel Pink	Sakata Seed America
Sp2003	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Pink (dark)	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Storm, Pink Morn	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2003	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Pink (light)	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Ultra Pastel Pink	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2002	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Purple (light), blue-violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Storm, Lavender	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2002	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Purple (light), blue-violet/red	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Aladdin Strawberry Ice	Bodger Seeds

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Sp2003	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Purple (dark), red-violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Storm, Violet	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2004	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Purple, red-violet/white	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Dreams Burgundy Picotee	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2002	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Red	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Aladdin Cherry	Bodger Seeds
Sp2004	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	Rose/white	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Dreams Rose Picotee	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2002	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	White	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Storm White*	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
F2000	Grandiflora	N/A	Single	White	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Eagle White*	Sakata Seed America
Sp2002	Milliflora	N/A	Single	Mix	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Fantasy Mix	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2001	Milliflora	N/A	Single	Purple (light) blue-violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Fantasy Light Lavender	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2003	Multiflora	N/A	Single	Blue (light)	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Symphony Light Blue	American Takii Seed
Sp2001	Multiflora	N/A	Single	Orange shades/tints	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Symphony Salmon	American Takii Seed
Sp2001	Multiflora	N/A	Single	Pink	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Symphony Pink*	American Takii Seed
Sp2002	Multiflora	N/A	Single	Pink	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Hurrah Pink Chiffon*	Syngenta Seeds
Sp2001	Multiflora	N/A	Single	Purple (dark), blue violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Symphony Violet	American Takii Seed
Sp2002	Multiflora	N/A	Single	Purple (dark), red-violet/white	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Primetime Violet Star	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2002	Multiflora	N/A	Single	Rose	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Symphony Rose	American Takii Seed
F2000	Multiflora	N/A	Single	Rose (dark)	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Symphony Deep Rose	American Takii Seed

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	Plant Type	Plant Height Class	Flower Type	Flower Color				
Sp2002	Multiflora	N/A	Single	Rose/white picotee	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Symphony Rose Picotee	American Takii Seed
Sp2003	Multiflora	N/A	Single	Rose/white star	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Symphony Rose Star	American Takii Seed
Sp2001	Multiflora	N/A	Single	White	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Symphony White	American Takii Seed
Sp2002	Spreading	Normal	Single	Blue	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Wave Blue	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2004	Spreading	Normal	Single	Blue (dark)	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Easy Wave Blue	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2002	Spreading	Normal	Single	Orange (dark) shades/tints	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Ramblin' Salmon Capri*	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2003	Spreading	Normal	Single	Orange (dark) shades/tints	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Easy Wave Salmon*	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2002	Spreading	Normal	Single	Pink	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Wave Pink	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2003	Spreading	Normal	Single	Pink (dark)	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Ramblin' Pink	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2003	Spreading	Normal	Single	Pink (light)	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Easy Wave Shell Pink	PanAmerican Seed
Sp2003	Spreading	Normal	Single	Purple (light), blue-violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Ramblin' Lavender	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2003	Spreading	Normal	Single	Purple (dark), red-violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Ramblin' Violet	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2002	Spreading	Normal	Single	Purple (light) red-violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Opera Light Purple	American Takii Seed
Sp2004	Spreading	Normal	Single	Red	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Easy Wave Red	PanAmerican Seed
F2002	Spreading	Normal	Single	Rose	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Explorer Rose	Sakata Seed America
Sp2002	Spreading	Normal	Single	White	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Avalanche White	Bodger Seeds
Sp2004	Spreading	Tall	Single	Blue (Dark)	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Ramblin' Nu Blue	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
F2000	Spreading	Tall	Single	Pink	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Tidal Wave Hot Pink	Ball Seed

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Sp2002	Spreading	Tall	Single	Purple (light), blue-violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Ramblin' Misty Lilac	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2002	Spreading	Tall	Single	Purple (very dark), red-violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Ramblin' Burgundy Chrome	Flower Fields-Goldsmith
Sp2002	Spreading	Tall	Single	Purple (light), red-violet	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Kahuna Violet	Syngenta Seeds
F2000	Spreading	Tall	Single	Red	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Tidal Wave Cherry	Ball Seed
Sp2003	Spreading	Tall	Single	White	Petunia	<i>Petunia xhybrida</i>	Kahuna White	Syngenta Seeds
F00	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mix	Phlox	<i>Phlox cuspada</i>	Crystal Mix	Sakata Seed America (formally Daehnfeltd)
Sp04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Blue/white	Phlox	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	21st Century Blue Star	Ball Seed
Sp03	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mix	Phlox	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	21st Century Patriot Mix	Ball Seed
Sp2003	N/A	N/A	N/A	Pink/white	Phlox	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	Grammy Pink/White	Kieft Seeds
Sp04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rose/white	Phlox	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	21st Century Rose Star	Ball Seed
Sp04	N/A	Dwarf	Double	Gold	Rudbeckia	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Maya	E. Benary of America
Sp04	N/A	Dwarf	Single	Orange	Rudbeckia	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Becky Orange	American Takii
Sp02	N/A	Dwarf	Single	Red/gold-yellow	Rudbeckia	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Toto Rustic	E. Benary of America
Sp04	N/A	Dwarf	Single	Yellow	Rudbeckia	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Becky Yellow	American Takii
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Open	Mix	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Bells Mix	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Open	Purple (light), blue-violet/white	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Bells Frosty Lavender	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Open	White	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Bells White	Flower Fields - Goldsmith

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W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Closed	Bronze	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Floral Showers Deep Bronze	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Closed	Mix	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Floral Carpet Mix	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Closed	Orange/yellow	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Montego Orange Bicolor	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Closed	Pink	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Floral Showers Rose Pink	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Closed	Purple, red-violet	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Montego Purple	Syngenta Seeds
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Closed	Purple, red-violet/white	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Floral Showers Fuchsia	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Closed	Red	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Floral Showers Scarlet	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Closed	Red/yellow	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Floral Showers Red & Yellow Bicolor	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Closed	White	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Floral Showers White	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	N/A	Dwarf	Closed	Yellow	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Floral Showers Yellow	Sakata Seed America
W03-04	N/A	Tall	Closed	Red	Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Crown Red	Syngenta Seeds
Sp02	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mix	Verbena	<i>Verbena x hybrida</i>	Merlot Mix Improved	Ball Seed
Sp01	N/A	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), red/white	Verbena	<i>Verbena x hybrida</i>	Quartz Red Eye	PanAmerican Seed

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Best-of-class Season/Year	Class				Common Name	Scientific Name	Cultivar Name	Seed Company
	Plant Type	Plant Height Class	Flower Type	Flower Color				
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Purple (light), blue-violet	Verbena	<i>Verbena rigida</i>	Santos	Kieft Seeds Holland
Sp01	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mix	Verbena	<i>Verbena tenuisecta (speciosa)</i>	Serenity Mix	American Takii
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Black	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Sorbet Black Delight	PanAmerican Seed
W00-01	Standard	N/A	N/A	Blue (dark)	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Penny Deep Blue*	Flower Fields - Flower Fields - Goldsmith
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	Blue (dark)	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Jewel Deep Blue*	American Takii
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Cream	Viola	<i>Viola xwilliamsii</i> ⁷	Angel Cream	Floranova Plant Breeders
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	Mix	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Babyface Mix	PanAmerican Seed
W03-04	Standard	N/A	N/A	Orange shades/tints	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Gem Antique Apricot	American Takii
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Orange with purple, red-violet cap	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Penny Orange Jump-Up	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
W03-04	Standard	N/A	N/A	Pink	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Gem Antique Pink	American Takii
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple, blue-violet/black cap	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Sorbet Black Duet	PanAmerican Seed
W00-01	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), red-violet with yellow eye	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Princess Purple & Gold	PanAmerican Seed
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), blue violet/red violet	Viola	<i>Viola xwilliamsii</i>	Angel Violet Duet	Floranova Plant Breeders
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), blue-violet with dark eye and light cap	Viola	<i>Viola xwilliamsii</i>	Angel Lavender Beacon	Floranova Plant Breeders

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	Plant Type	Plant Height Class	Flower Type	Flower Color				
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), blue-violet with white cap	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Penny Beaconsfield	Flower Fields – Goldsmith
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), red-violet	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Penny Purple	Flower Fields – Goldsmith
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), red-violet w/blue-violet/white shades	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Skippy White With Violet Wing	Kieft Seeds Holland
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), red-violet w/light (blue-violet) eye	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Skippy Purple	Kieft Seeds Holland
W00-01	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), red-violet/white/yellow	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Gemini Purple White	Sakata Seed America
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (light) blue-violet with yellow face/blotch	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Hobbit Bilbo Baggins	Sahin
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (light), blue violet/yellow/white	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Princess Lavender Yellow	PanAmerican Seed
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple (variable)/white/cream	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Sorbet Coconut Swirl	PanAmerican Seed
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple, blue violet with blotch	Viola	<i>Viola xwilliamsii</i>	Angel Violet Blotch	Floranova Plant Breeders
W03-04	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple, blue-violet with white	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Sorbet Icy Blue	PanAmerican Seed
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	Purple, red-violet with white	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Penny Orchid Frost	Flower Fields - Goldsmith
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	White	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Penny White	Flower Fields – Goldsmith
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	White w/blotch	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Babyface White	PanAmerican Seed
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	White/yellow to blue color shift	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Penny Azure Dawn	Flower Fields – Goldsmith

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	Plant Type	Plant Height Class	Flower Type	Flower Color				
W01-02	Standard	N/A	N/A	White/yellow/cream	Viola	<i>Viola xwilliamsii</i>	Velour Cream Splash	Floranova Plant Breeders
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Yellow	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Jewel Lemon Yellow	American Takii
W02-03	Standard	N/A	N/A	Yellow with blotch	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Babyface Yellow	PanAmerican Seed
W03-04	Standard	N/A	N/A	Yellow/white face with purple (dark), blue-violet cap	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Penny Classic Jump-Up	Flower Fields – Goldsmith
W00-01	Standard	N/A	N/A	Yellow/purple (blue violet)/white	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Gemini Purple Yellow	Sakata Seed America
W01-02	Creeping	N/A	N/A	Blue/yellow/white	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Rebel Blue and Yellow	Ball Seed
W02-03	Creeping	N/A	N/A	Purple (dark), red-violet with orange eye	Viola	<i>Viola xwilliamsii</i>	Sparkler Purple Orange Face	Floranova Plant Breeders
W02-03	Creeping	N/A	N/A	Purple, blue-violet/yellow/white	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Eryln Purple Yellow	Kieft Seeds Holland
W01-02	Creeping	N/A	N/A	White	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Rebel White	Ball Seed
W02-03	Creeping	N/A	N/A	Yellow	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Rebel Yellow	Ball Seed
W02-03	Creeping	N/A	N/A	Yellow with pink	Viola	<i>Viola cornuta</i>	Four Seasons Yellow W/Pink Wing	Sahin
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Cream	Wallflower	<i>Cheiranthus cheiri</i>	Charity Cream Yellow	American Takii
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rose	Wallflower	<i>Cheiranthus cheiri</i>	Charity Rose Red	American Takii
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Red	Wallflower	<i>Cheiranthus cheiri</i>	Charity Scarlet	American Takii
W03-04	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yellow	Wallflower	<i>Cheiranthus cheiri</i>	Charity Yellow	American Takii

¹ Best-of-class for the Florida garden: overall performance ≥ 5.0 and overall foliage/flower rating ≥ 4.5 for a rating scale of 7 (excellent) to 1 (poor). We feel these cultivars will provide the best performance under harsher conditions. Many have remained best-of-class for more than one year.

Season designations are: Sp = spring; W = winter and F = fall. Some crops do well in more than one season [refer to “Information on the best season(s)” at top of page 1]. This list will be updated seasonally, as time permits. To view performance details about these as well as other cultivars that have similar performance, visit this link: Articles, Papers & Reports <http://vtgcrec.ifas.ufl.edu/pages/research_papers.htm>. The listed dates are for establishment of best-of-class or for a later comparison of the best-of-class with other entries.

² Cultivars are organized and evaluated within classes. Classes are organized by species (crop), plant type (growth habit) plant height (dwarf vs. tall), flower type (double vs. single flowered), flower color, foliage color and other characteristics that distinguish a particular class.

³ Seed companies listed here represent the company that entered the cultivar for evaluation and may not be the plant breeder.

⁴ Abbreviation: N/A = class not applicable to species.

⁵ *D. barbatus*-like flowers form an inflorescence seen as a round-topped dense cyme. Some interspecific dianthus hybrids also express this type of inflorescence from a *D. barbatus* parent (The Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, by L.H. Bailey, 3 vols. NY: Macmillan Co., 1947).

⁶ Dynasty Rose Lace is referred to as Dynasty Rose Bicolor in the Winter/Early Spring 2003-2004 paper.

* Two or more cultivars of the same class that have not been evaluated in the same trial are marked with an asterisk (*) and will be evaluated in a future trial to resolve best-of-class.

⁷ *Viola xwilliamsii* is listed by the seed company, but not listed as a valid name in the *Germplasm Information Network* (GRIN) or the *Integrated Taxonomic Information Network* (ITIS), while *Viola cornuta* is listed; both names are used in our table, but both groups are organized as one class here.