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## ‘Holly Fern ‘ *Cyrtomium falcatum*

‘Holly Fern’ is semi-hardy and will withstand light frosts. This fern is used primarily as a landscape fern and is grown almost exclusively in one gallon cans for this purpose. It is quite attractive in a garden setting and can be used where the ground is kept moist. It will survive mild drought conditions but will show severe edge burn on the leaves.



### **Culture for best commercial production:**

**Light:** Okay at low light levels - 750 to 1500 foot candles (65% shade). Will take morning or late afternoon sun in the garden.

**Temperature:** Should be grown between 55° and 80° when possible. It will be ok above 80° but will not look as lush. Survives light garden frost.

**Feed:** Steady, light feed like 100 ppm nitrogen from a slightly acid fertilizer similar to Excel 15-5-15. Very little feed needed when planted in the ground.

**Water & Potting Mix:** Moist not soggy in a well draining mix with some peat. Will not be happy if planted in an area that is continually wet.

**Pest Control:** Relatively pest free! (Does spore somewhat when relatively young. Spores on the underside of the leaves are often mistaken for pests of some kind!)

**Schedule:** Growing times for a one gallon, 22 weeks winter & 16 weeks summer - starting with a Santa Rosa Tropicals plug.

