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## 'Pom Pom'™ *Nephrolepis exaltata*

'Pom Pom'™ could easily be called 'The Cheerleader's Fern'! This is such a well behaved *Nephrolepis* that both growers and the public take to it instantly. The color is very consistently a dark green and it is naturally quite pest resistant. Use 'Pom Pom'™ as a 6" up to a 12". It can definitely be a replacement for Dallas® or Delilah®.

### Culture for best commercial production:

**Light:** 1200 fc to 2000+ fc. No light meter? The shadow from your hand on a flat surface should be clear but the edges should be fuzzy.

**Temperature:** 60° to 85° F. Survives temperatures well above and below but growth slows or stops altogether.

**Feed:** 100 to 150 ppm on constant feed (15-5-15) with available Ca, Mg & pH around 6.

**Water:** more ferns are harmed by overwatering than holding back on the water. Water well then allow to dry lightly before watering again.

**Potting Mix:** this is often dictated by what is available locally. The key elements are low salts and excellent drainage. Some peat helps to retain fertilizer salts and keep water available to the root hairs.

**Pest Control:** Talstar® + Orthene® works well as a preventative program for aphids or scale during the warm months, although 'Pom Pom'™ is remarkably pest free.

**Container:** usually grown as a table fern or small hanging basket.

**Schedule:** (starting with a Santa Rosa Tropicals plug) 4" starter pot - 8 to 10 weeks 6" pot - 12 to 16 weeks 8" pot - 12 to 16 weeks from a 4" pot 8" basket - 14 to 18 weeks from a 4" pot all year on a regular rotation for year round sales.

