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### Growing Exhibition Peas – Ian Simpson

Materials	3½” pots, M3 compost, Manure, 8ft posts, 8ft or 10ft canes, Medium gauge wire, Anti-slip Clips, Blood/Fish/Bone, Slug Pellets, Green Garden Twine, Chempak No. 8 & 4, Mildew Deterrent Bumper or BAC-OFF.
Pea Varieties	<b>Show Perfection</b> , Turners Spring or Dorian
Bed preparation	Trench – 12” deep x 9” wide. Manure – 4” layer in bottom of trench - water in. Canes – 18” apart. Top dress with Blood/Fish/Bone at a rate of 1½ oz per cane, 3 to 4 weeks prior to transplanting time.
Sowing	Peas started off in a 3½” pots in Levington’s M3 compost. Sow peas 2” deep. Pea germinates approximately 11 days after sowing.
Planting Out	Transplant into the prepared Pea beds 27 days after sow date.
Feeding & Maintenance	Feed with Chempak No. 8 (Low Nitrogen) 1 scoop to 2 Gallons water at every watering after first flower has set. 2 Gallon feeds 15 plants. If pods are slow to fill out, change to Chempak No. 4 (High Potash) at 2 scoops to 2 Gallons water at every watering.
Harvesting & Staging	Cut selected pods as close to the show date as possible. Handle pods by the stem only to maintain its “bloom”. Always take a couple of spare pods with you just in case.
Problems	Wind – erect a wind break Aphid attack – Spray with eco- friendly Shield Plant Wash or Bug Clear or similar insecticide. Mildew – Spray with <b>Bumper</b> (at 3ml per Litre) or <b>eco-friendly BAC-OFF</b> (at 5 ml per Litre) every week from the end of July. Cut worm – Protect young plants with a cardboard collar (toilet roll core) and sprinkle corn meal(polenta) around plant/collar
Timings (grown outside)	Each plant should produce between 10 & 12 pods by the time the plant reaches the 7ft mark.  10th pod reaches optimum size 106 days from sow date  5th pod reaches optimum size 96 days from sow date  1st pod will “go over” 93 days from sow date 7 days after optimum size  1st pod reaches optimum size 86 days from sow date, 35 days from flower stage  1st flower appears 51 days from sow date



