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A bright array of color and unusual resistance to adverse weather make this cultivar worthy of introduction for 1985, in honor of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station's 100th anniversary. Centennial Sun is the 65th garden chrysanthemum to be released by the University of Minnesota's Department of Horticultural Science and Landscape Architecture.

Centennial Sun (79-41-12) produces a prolific canopy of 1½ inch, fully double, bright golden yellow, formal, decorative flowers on uniform mounded plants 16-18 inches high and 25-28 inches wide. Flowering begins by the last week of August in the St. Paul area and is only slightly delayed by unfavorable weather. Flowers look fresh and bright until killed by frost, and have slight frost resistance. The stiff-wilow stems are clothed in clean, dark green leaves. This cultivar is less stocky and a week earlier to flower

than *Sassy*. Parents are *Chiquita's Rival* and *Gianna D'Angelo*. Centennial Sun adapts well to spring flowering in pots with either short or natural photoperiod treatment.

This cultivar is equally satisfactory for cut flower purposes and in the flower border.

Disease detection tests of original stock plants were conducted by F. L. Pflieger and R. J. Zeyen of the Department of Plant Pathology.

Cultural information can be found in extension fact sheet AG-FS-1121, *Garden Chrysanthemums*, available from Communication Resources Distribution, Room 3 Coffey Hall, 1420 Eckles Ave., University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55108.

## Popular University of Minnesota Chrysanthemum Cultivars

Variety*	Flower color	Description	Plant height**	Time of bloom*** (Twin Cities Area)
Autumn Fire	Burnt orange	3 1/2" decorative	Tall	Midseason
Centerpiece	Rose-lavender, gold centers	4" quill	Tall	Early to midseason
Cream Top	White, yellow centers	3" decorative, frost resistant	Tall	Midseason
Dr. Longley	Bright rose pink	3" flat, decorative	Medium	Early to midseason
Gold Country	Peachy bronze to golden yellow	4" double, decorative	Tall	Midseason
Golden Jubilee	Deep gold	3" decorative	Medium	Early
Golden Star	Rich deep yellow	3 1/2" single spoon	Medium	Early
Goldstrike	Golden yellow	2" pompon	Medium	Early
Lindy	Lavender pink	4 1/2" quilled incurve	Tall	Midseason
Mellow Moon	Cream	4 1/2" semi-incurved decorative	Medium	Midseason
Minn-Autumn	Reddish bronze	2 1/2" formal decorative	Low	Midseason
Minn-glow	Light lemon yellow	2 1/4" decorative	Low	Midseason
Minn-gopher	Crimson red	2 1/4" decorative	Low	Late
Minn-pink	Rose pink	1 1/2" flat, decorative	Low	Early
Minn-queen	Bright rose pink	3" decorative	Low-medium	Midseason
Minn-rose	Deep rose pink	1 1/2" pompon	Low	Midseason
Minn-ruby	Ruby red	2 1/4" decorative	Low	Midseason
Minn-white	White	2" decorative	Low	Early
Minn-yellow	Rich lemon yellow	2" decorative	Low	Late
Princess	Old rose and gold	2" semi-carnation	Medium	Early
Royal Knight	Burgundy, silver underside	3 1/2" reflexed decorative	Tall	Midseason
Royal Pomp	Bright purple	2" pompon-spicy fragrance	Medium	Midseason
Sunny Glow	Orange gold	2 1/2" decorative	Tall	Early
Superior	Bronze orange	3" decorative	Tall	Midseason
Vulcan	Dark red	2 1/2" flat, decorative	Medium	Early
Wayzata	Bright yellow	3" flat, decorative	Tall	Early
Wendy Ann	Fawn yellow	4" semi-spoon	Medium	Early
Yellow Glow	Rich yellow	2 3/4" decorative	Tall	Midseason
Zonta	Apricot bronze	2 1/2" pompon	Medium	Midseason

\* Names beginning with Minn indicate cushion habit of growth

\*\* Low, up to 12 inches; medium, 12-18 inches; tall, over 18 inches. These measurements refer to first-year plants properly spaced and grown in full sun.

\*\*\* Early, starts blooming before September 1; midseason, September 1-15; late, September 15 on.

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