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Tulip growing for flower production TNB TULIPS, Monbulk Australia

Flower production starts each season in February, for Valentine's Day, and finishes in December.

Every year TNB TULIPS produces approximately 6-7 million tulip flowers for the Australian market.

Due to the physiology of the tulip bulb, to achieve flowering in the early part of our flower production season, we need to import part of our tulip bulbs from the Netherlands.

In the Netherlands the tulip bulbs are lifted out of the ground in July.

They are ready to be shipped in temperature controlled shipping containers to Australia by the end of August.

It takes about 4-5 weeks for the containers ships from Rotterdam to Melbourne.

Within a timeframe of 4-5 weeks we receive 17 shipping containers of bulbs, approx. 5 million bulbs.

Planting of all these bulbs starts in late September and finishes mid November. The bulbs are planted in crates filled with a special potting mix and covered with a layer of sand.

These planted crates are put in cool rooms where they will start growing and strike roots.

During this time the temperature is slowly lowered down from 9 degrees Celsius, until a good root system has been grown.

The temperature is then lowered to below freezing point to **-1.8** degrees, which brings the plants to a dormant state.

By mid January the planted bulbs are finally ready for bringing into the glasshouse. From then on batches of different varieties and amounts are taken out of the freezer twice a week during the whole flowering season. The glasshouse is fully automated and temperature controlled.

Once in the glasshouse the flowers will be ready for picking in approx 3 to 4 weeks.





[Bouquet of our tulips for a wedding in Queensland](#)



**TNB TULIPS - Tasmania 2010 on the edge of Bass Strait –
(Tulip fields are for bulb production only)**

Australian grown bulbs are not ready for this type of flower production until July.

We grow approx 5 hectares of tulips in Tasmania, for our own bulb production. These bulbs are normally lifted in December.

Again, another 2 million+ of these local bulbs will be further planted into crates in March, stored again in cool rooms, and these will be moved into the glasshouse after the Dutch bulbs have flowered, approx. July/August.

This year we will have approx 40 different colours and types for our production.

The glasshouse and the planting line are all fully automated since 2010 and this has removed all the heavy manual labour components.

Early in 2013 we invested in an automated tulip bunching machine.

Our tulips are sold to wholesalers in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

We take pride in our premium quality product, with quality control steps from planting to our final sales.



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