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## Beacon Impatiens Receive Utility Patent

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PanAmerican Seed announced in June its new Beacon Impatiens was granted a U.S. utility patent for its unique form of disease resistance to Impatiens Downy Mildew. The patent covers all six colors and two mixes of Beacon *Impatiens walleriana*, and additional patent applications are pending.

“Since its official debut earlier this year, the excitement around Beacon Impatiens has been outstanding,” says Lisa Lacy, Global Product Manager for PanAmerican Seed, and a key team member of the Beacon Impatiens

launch. “Receiving this patent underscores confidence in this product and we are proud to be able to bring such an important flower class back to market.”

PanAmerican highlighted the new introduction at California Spring Trials in March and is offering a limited supply of seed now with full-scale global availability coming in January 2020, according to the company. **GP**