Spring trials are in full swing, with petunia varieties putting on a great show in both ground and container trials. We plant petunias in the trial beds as early as February so that root systems can become established to support rapid top growth and flower production when warm days arrive. The early planting also extends the duration of the flower display before hot weather arrives.

All-America Selections Display Garden with orange-flowered 'African Sunset' petunia, a 2014 AAS Winner from American Takii, in the foreground.

Excellent flower coverage, uniform plant habit, and more solid colors give an eye-catching display. Shown above are 'SUCCESS! Pink' (top) and 'SUCCESS! Rose' (bottom) petunias from Benary in trial beds.

A visitor favorite is Petunia Ooh La La Fuseables (from PanAmerican Seed). Plants are grown from formulated, multi-seed pellets containing 'Easy Wave Burgundy Star', 'Easy Wave Neon Rose', and 'Shock Wave Coconut'.

'Tupertinia Black Cherry' petunia from Proven Winners has been living up to its name with an abundance of flowers that are a rich burgundy red with a darker throat.