

## Southern Hemisphere bulb turn around

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Several of us will be traveling to New Zealand in a few weeks for the 2012 World Daffodil Convention. The tour includes several visits with some raisers and hybridizers , i.e. Brogden, and McLennan, come to mind. I know that I will have a "must have, would like to have" list of cultivars which strike my fancy and pocketbook. What would be appreciated are comments from those of you who have successfully acclimatized a bulb to the northern hemisphere. When did you receive the bulb; what did you do with it - refrigerate, plant immediately; if refrigerated, how long; how deep did you plant it; was it planted in an open field - read full sun, or where it would be shaded; Because the USA is so huge, the Dept of Ag has established various zones. The end result of a blooming daff is what I want, but know that each of the zones will probably have unique answers to the above questions. I do not recall reading anything recently in the Journal about turning a bulb around. I live in Chester County, PA (8 miles NE of Longwood gardens as the crow flies) FYI - I bought Hokey-Pokey, NZ bulb, at the ADS Convention in April. Put it in the refrig until about May 15, put it in the ground about 6 inches, and kept it damp for about a month. It still hasn't shown any green. So hopefully something will happen next spring.