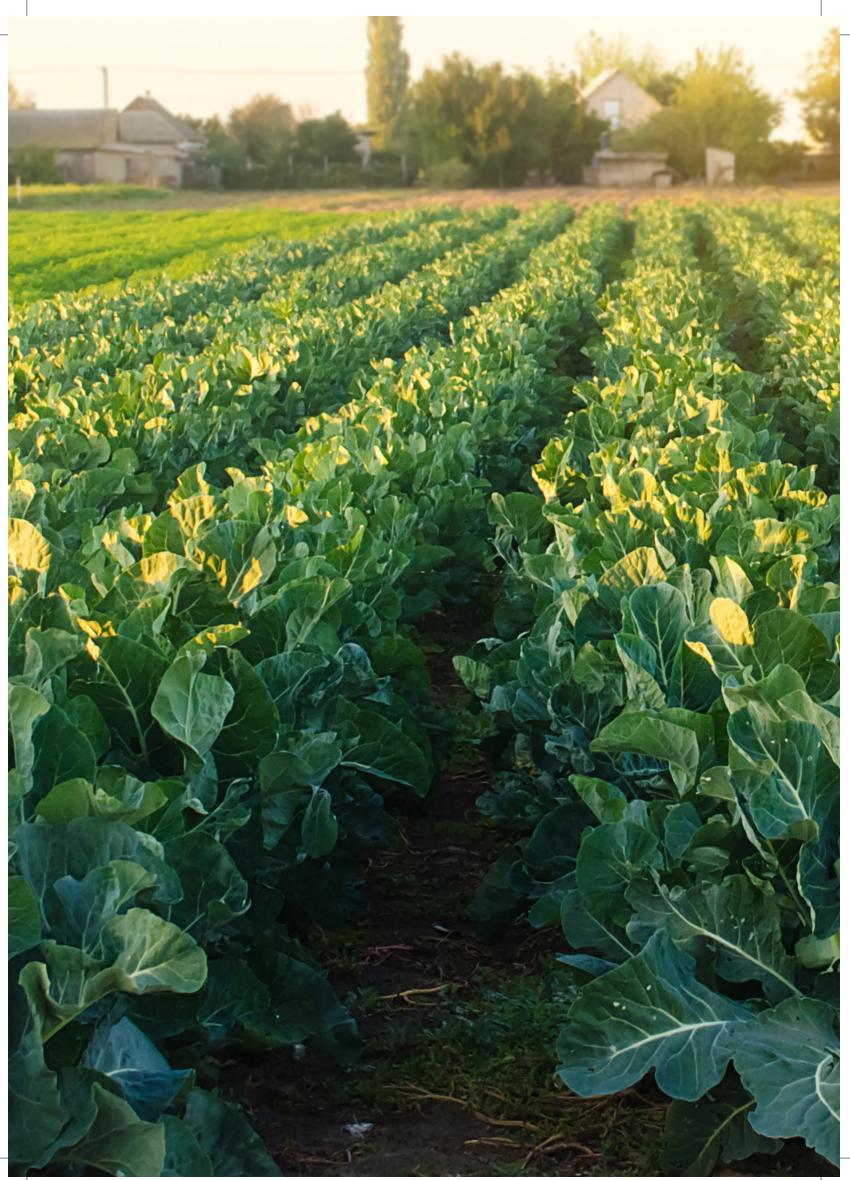


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LET'S GROW BETTER TOGETHER

Seminis is proud to operate on the belief that every generation can be better than the last. It's a principle that goes well beyond innovative vegetable seed development. We believe that if tomorrow is to be better for our partners, it's up to us to work in collaboration to make it so.

This strongly held conviction allows us to fully understand and deliver on the unique needs of open-field and protected growers in greenhouse growing environments. Partnering with everyone from fresh market growers to processing professionals, and small scale to large commercial farmers, we offer more than 20 different crops in more than 150 countries and territories.

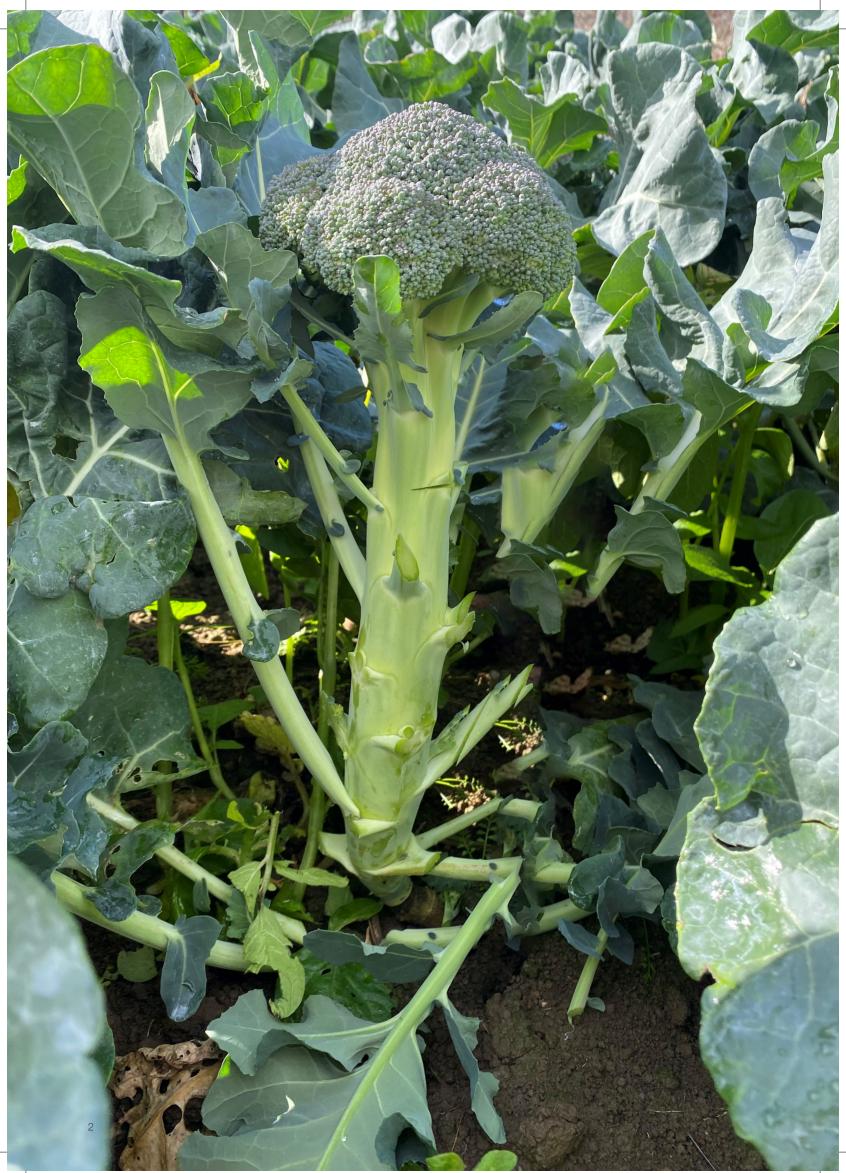


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BROCCOLI, CAULIFLOWER



View our range of Broccoli and Cauliflower



BROCCOLI







FANTASTICO

Fantastico is a mid-season variety

with a heavy semi-domed head. It's

very uniform in both size and shape

with small beads, a firm smooth dome

and a fresh green colour. Fantastico's

small frame allows for high density

plantings and lower risk of head rot.

IRON CMS

Iron CMS has a firm, compact head with thick stems and excellent weight, and its leaves have narrow petioles for easy trimming. Iron CMS has a concentrated harvest and great tolerance to hollow stem. It produces uniform crowns with short florets and fine beads.

Titanium is a High-Rise[™] type with good airflow allowing for reduced labour costs at harvest. It has a firm head with fine beads that minimises damage from water soaking and head rot.

FEATURES

Shape: Dome

Bead size: Fine

Season: Transition

FEATURES

Shape: Dome

Bead size: Fine to medium

Season: Transition

FEATURES

TITANIUM

Shape: Dome

Bead size: Fine

Season: Cool/Transition



BROCCOLI



Legacy is a reliable, cool season type.

vigour in cold conditions. Legacy has

with dark green colour and good stem

It is strong, uniform and has early

fine-beaded, dome-shaped heads





LEGACY

CHEVALIER

Chevalier looks and performs similar to Legacy, with improved uniformity. The vigorous plant is erect and produces well-formed heads with an appealing dome shape and tight branches. Chevalier has very good

Heritage has demonstrated outstanding holding ability maintaining its deep green colour, when others begin to purple. Its head is typically firm and uniform, with good shelf life. Heritage works especially well in the late-spring changeover season.

FEATURES

Shape: Dome

thickness.

Bead size: Fine to medium

Season:

Cool

FEATURES

cold tolerance.

Shape: Dome

Bead size: Fine to medium

Season: Cool

FEATURES

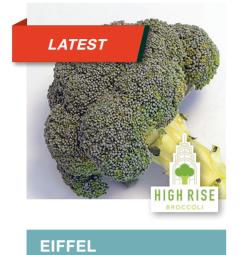
HERITAGE

Shape: Dome

> **Bead size:** Fine to medium

Season: Cool

BROCCOLI



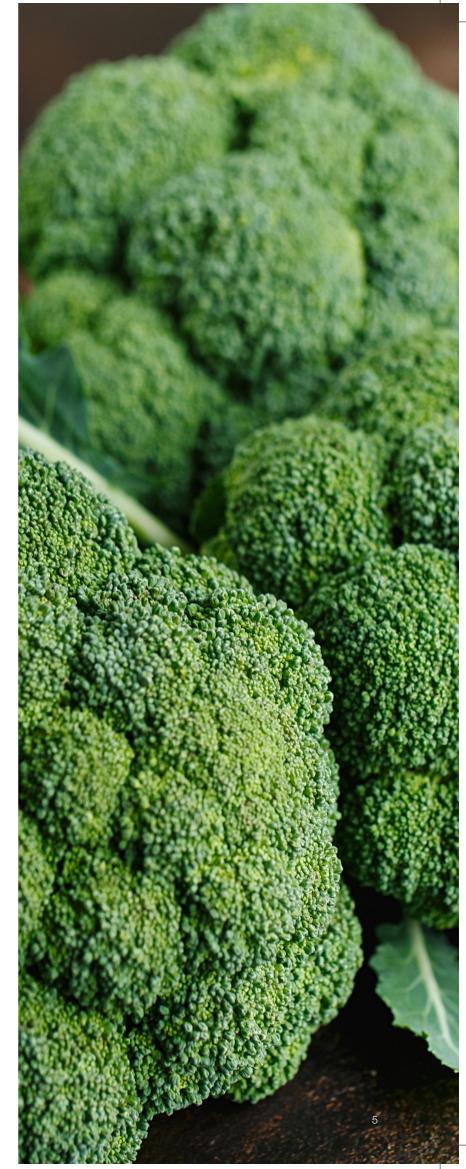
Eiffel is a High-Rise[™] type that's new to trial and a part of the High Rise[™] portfolio. It is a grower friendly variety with improved uniformity and visible crowns. Like all High-Rise[™] types, it has been developed to reduce labour during harvest.

FEATURES

Shape: Dome

Bead size: Fine to medium

Season: Spring/Summer



TRANSPLANT/HARVEST GUIDE										Transplanting			Harvesting		
PRODUCT	WEEKS TO MATURITY	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV		
UPPER NORTH	ISLAND														
FANTASTICO	8–10														
IRON CMS	8–15														
TITANIUM	12-18														
LEGACY	11–15														
CHEVALIER	11–15														
HERITAGE	8–15			-											
EIFFEL	10														
LOWER SOUTH	H ISLAND														
FANTASTICO	8–10														
IRON CMS	10–11														
TITANIUM	12–18														
LEGACY	12–18														
CHEVALIER	12–18														
HERITAGE	10–12														
EIFFEL	10														
MANAWATU & NELSON															
FANTASTICO	8–10														
IRON CMS	10–12														
TITANIUM	12–18														
LEGACY	12–18														
CHEVALIER	12–18														
HERITAGE	10–12														
EIFFEL	10														

CAULIFLOWER







When time is of the essence, SV5965AC is a leading choice. It matures 3 weeks faster than other varieties in its time slot and its large, dense curd and strong frame protect it from the elements. SV5965AC is perfect for the fresh and processing markets.



SV5982AC is a logical variety for planting immediately after SV5965AC. A true winter cauliflower, SV5982AC produces an erect plant with good curd protection, and a superior white curd colour.

TIPTON

Tipton's vigorous, large-framed plant performs very well in the spring and early summer. It produces dense, extrawhite curds on a large frame that offers excellent curd protection. Tipton has excellent uniformity and has produced well under pressure from stem cracking and head-splitting. Tipton matures 15–17 weeks after transplant.

FEATURES

Curd colour:

Curd Appearance: Large, heavy and dense

Plant vigour: Strong

Season: Cool

FEATURES

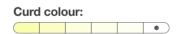
Curd colour:

Curd Appearance: Large, heavy and dense

Plant vigour: Strong

Season: Cool

FEATURES



Curd Appearance: Medium to deep

Plant vigour: Medium to strong

Season: Transition

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CAULIFLOWER



CHEDDAR

Cheddar is a hybrid novelty cauliflower with an attractive orange curd. It's a medium sized plant that produces smooth, domed heads with medium weight and firmness in the curds.

FEATURES

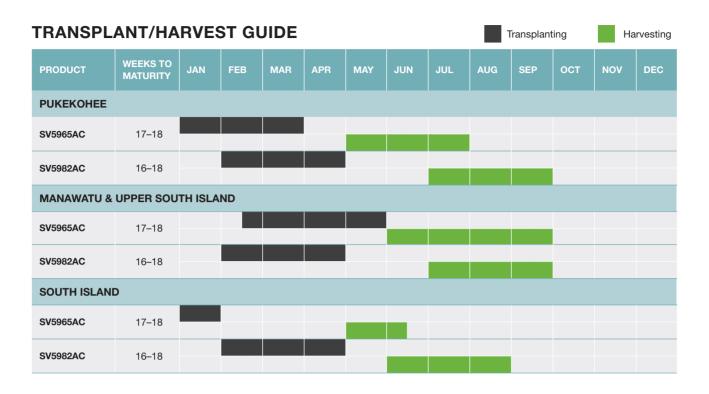
Curd colour:

Curd Appearance: Firm, smooth and medium

Plant vigour: Medium

Season: Cool







LEAFY

SPINACH, LETTUCE



View our range of Spinach and Lettuce



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At The Fresh Grower we strive to find the best varieties to grow all year round to suit changing weather conditions year after year. Outstanding genetics in the Spinach range from Seminis are proven great performers and we will continue collaborating with the innovative team at Seminis.

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GARRY YEE THE FRESH GROWER

SPINACH







SV2157VB

SV2157VB is a spinach that radiates during summer heat. This variety has an excellent amount of thickness with uniformity in leaf size. Its dark, glossy leaves and good yield potential make it an attractive variety that adapts well to summer production.

MAGNETIC

Magnetic is adaptable to late spring and summer sowing for a summer harvest. It has High Resistance to Downy mildew, oval-shaped leaves, nice savoryness, mid-light green leaves and upright growth. Kona is savoy to semi-savoy with medium dark green colour, round to oval in shape, semi erect plant habit, leaves are thick and very uniform. High yield potential most suited for warmer time slot.

FEATURES

Vigour Scale: (1=low, 10=high) 3

Leaf shape: Oval

Smoothness: Semi-savoy

Leaf colour: Dark green

Resistance: HR Pe:1–13,15,16,18

Usage: Baby leaf

FEATURES

Vigour Scale: (1=low, 10=high) 3

Leaf shape: Oval to slightly pointed

Smoothness: Semi-savoy

Leaf colour: Dark green

Resistance: HR Pe:1–15,17

Usage: Baby leaf

FEATURES

KONA

Vigour Scale: (1=low, 10=high)

Leaf shape: Round to oval

Smoothness: Semi-savoy to Savoy

Leaf colour: Medium dark green

Resistance: HR Pe:1–15,17

Usage: Baby leaf

SPINACH







SV2146VB

SV2146VB has a broad planting window and heat tolerance, making it most ideal for summer conditions. Its leaves are round, dark green and semi-savoy.



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Rangitoto will be your pick for the shoulder season. With excellent uniformity and glossy, dark leaves Rangitoto offers good adaptability thanks to its wide harvest window.

SV3580VC is a reliable and versatile, dark green savoy leaf spinach. With an upright plant habit, it is a convenient alternative that offers good yield between seasons. SV3580VC is an ideal variety for both bunching and baby leaf markets.

FEATURES

Vigour Scale: (1=low, 10=high)

Leaf shape: Oval

Smoothness: Semi-savoy

Leaf colour: Dark green

Resistance: HR Pe:1–13,15,16,18

Usage: Baby leaf

FEATURES

Vigour Scale: (1=low, 10=high) 7

Leaf shape: Round to oval

Smoothness: Semi-savoy

Leaf colour: Medium dark green

Resistance: HR Pe:1–16,19

Usage: Baby leaf

FEATURES

SV3580VC

Vigour Scale: (1=low, 10=high)

Leaf shape: Oriental

Smoothness: Smooth

Leaf colour: Dark green

Resistance: HR Pe:1–13,15,16,18

Usage: Baby leaf and bunching

SPINACH





RS 06683549

ΜΟΤυταρυ

RS 06683549 is a fast maturing, easy harvest winter variety. It is quick to reach maturity under cold conditions and is suitable for both the bunching and baby leaf markets.

FEATURES

Vigour Scale: (1=low, 10=high) 8

Leaf shape: Oriental

Smoothness: Smooth

Leaf colour: Dark green

Resistance: HR Pe:1–11,13,15,16,18

Usage: Baby leaf and bunching Motutapu is smooth to slightly savoy and shiny medium dark leaf spinach. Fast growing with very erect habit. Oval to slightly pointy shape, medium thickness. Excellent leaf shape and size uniformity. Suitable for cold transition harvest time slot (late Autumn & Early Winter/Late Winter and Early Spring harvest).

FEATURES

Vigour Scale: (1=low, 10=high) 8

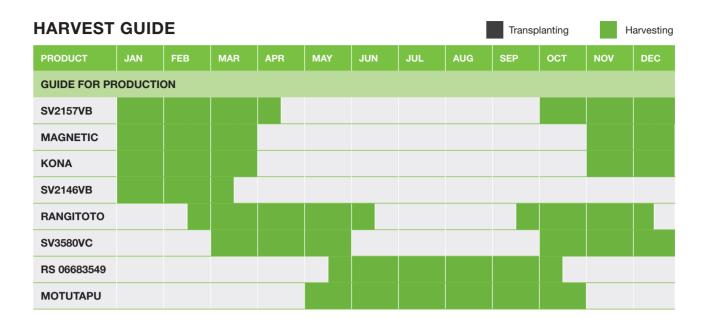
Leaf shape: Oval to slight point

Smoothness: Smooth to Semi-savoy

Leaf colour: Medium dark green

Resistance: HR Pe:1–16,19

Usage: Baby leaf



QUICK REFERENCE: SPINACH DISEASE RESISTANCE GUIDE

VARIETIES	ТҮРЕ	PACKAGE					
SV2157VB	Semi-savoy	HR Pe:1-13,15,16,18					
MAGNETIC	Semi-savoy	HR Pe:1–15,17					
KONA	Semi-savoy to Savoy	HR Pe:1–15,17					
SV2146VB	Semi-savoy	HR Pe:1-13,15,16,18					
RANGITOTO	Semi-savoy	HR Pe:1–16,19					
SV3580VC	Smooth	HR Pe:1–13,15,16,18					
RS 06683549	Smooth	HR Pe:1–11,13,15,16,18					
ΜΟΤυταρυ	Smooth to Semi-savoy	HR Pe:1–16,19					

LETTUCE ICEBERG

LETTUCE FANCY





BUBBA

FRILLICE

Bubba is an iceberg lettuce that is suitable for winter production for both the fresh and processing markets. Frillice is a unique open loose-leaf type that has a nice dark green, shiny colour and crisp texture. It has a serrated leaf and very good bolting tolerance. It has healthy attractive leaves, which are suitable for machine harvesting.

FEATURES

FEATURES

Season: Winter

Resistance:

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Season: Spring, Autumn, Summer

Resistance: HR BI:16,17 IR LMV:1

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E	BUBBA	12–14												



LARGE SEED

SWEET CORN



View our range of Sweet Corn

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Our company is pleased to deal with Seminis for their exceptional customer service and seed quality. I was impressed with the performance of Acceleration and SV1446SD sweetcorn. What is most important is the eating quality of Acceleration, which is truly outstanding and I am sure Watties consumers enjoy it too.

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ANDREW KOGTENKO CROP AGRONOMIST, KRAFT HEINZ/WATTIES

SWEET CORN YELLOW /DUAL PURPOSE







SV1446SD

Offering growers high yield and great cob uniformity potential, SV1446SD ticks a lot of boxes. The yellow hybrid as an easy to pull, attractive green husk with good tip fill and disease package.

ACCELERATION

Get ahead with Acceleration! Acceleration offers sweet corn growers a market-leading disease package with High Resistance to some races of Common Rust (RpG5). Acceleration has outstanding cob characteristics with excellent uniformity, tip fill and husk cover; not to mention it tastes fantastic.

SV1514SK

SV1514SK has an exceptional field holding ability and ability to withstand heavy rain and wind. Excellent husk cover. Plant is approx 180 cm with cobs set at 55 cm height. It has potential to produce two marketable cobs.

FEATURES

Kernel colour: Yellow

Average Cob Size (cm): 20.5 x 5

Resistance: HR: RpG59 IR MDMV/SCMV/Pst/Bm:0/Et:1

FEATURES

Kernel colour: Yellow

Average Cob Size (cm): 20 x 4.5

Resistance: HR RpG5 IR MDMV/SCMV/Pst/Bm:0/Et:1

FEATURES

Kernel colour: Yellow

Average Cob Size (cm): 20 x 4.5

Resistance: HR RpG5 IR MDMV/SCMV/Pst

SWEET CORN BI-COLOUR





EX 08705788

INCEPTION

EX 08705788 is a main season bi-colour sweet corn with a very large cob. It permits full season harvest in rust-prone areas and matures approximately 93 days after planting. It has greater adaptation in areas where Maize dwarf mosaic virus resistance is present. Its good kernel colour contrast and improved eating quality, make it attractive to the consumer market. Bi-colour sweet corn offering attractive green husk and good tip fill. Inception provides growers with good cob length and uniformity. Similar to Obsession and EX08767143 types, Inception is a slightly stronger plant with good kernel colour differentiation 16–18 kernel rows.

FEATURES

Kernel colour: Bi-colour

Average Cob Size (cm): 20 x 5

Resistance: HR Rp1D IR MDMV/SCMV

FEATURES

Kernel colour: Bi-colour

Average Cob Size (cm): 19 x 5

Resistance: HR Rp1D+RpG IR Pst/Et

ROOT & BULB

ONIONS



View our range of Onions

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Seminis is committed to developing onions suited to New Zealand conditions. We have access to early-pipeline genetics which allows us to select the variety that will provide the disease resistance, yield and skin colour that growers are looking for.

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FRANCO ASORO BAYER US VEGETABLES R&D SEMINIS ONION BREEDER

ONION HYBRID







With a top-down date of 7–10th December in Pukekohe, SVNH3211 is a mid-day hybrid that matures in a slot traditionally taken by short-day varieties. SVNH3211 is firm, uniform, has a globe shape, pink root and fusarium resistance and great storage potential.

AYOBA

Ayoba is a hybrid onion with globe-shaped bulbs and cream-gold skin. It is suitable for mechanical harvest and has High Resistance to Fusarium.



CURRAWONG

Currawong is an early season hybrid with great adaptability. It is a globe shaped onion with excellent uniformity and high yield potential. It is resistant to both Pink root and Fusarium.

FEATURES

SVNH3211

Season: First Early

Shape: Globe

Resistance:

Full disease resistance claim to be confirmed.

Storage:

Medium

FEATURES

Season: First Early

Shape: Globe

Resistance: HR Foc

Storage:

Medium

FEATURES

Season: First Early

Shape: Globe

Resistance: IR Foc/Pt

Storage: Medium



Icon indicates onion variety has intermediate Fusarium basal rot (Foc) resistance.



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ONION HYBRID







SV7030NS

SV7030NS is a supermarket favourite thanks to its attractive red, shiny skin and globe shape. It is a red onion with high yield potential that grows uniformly and delivers on quality. This hybrid variety has good pack-out attributes and a high percentage of single centres.

PEREZ

Perez is an early season, golden brown, vigorous export onion. It has large round bulbs with excellent uniformity and storage potential.

DEVONPORT

Devonport is an early season ELK type onion, which is well suited to the Canterbury region. Devonport produces uniform bulbs with excellent storage and can be planted after Perez.

FEATURES

Season: First Early

Shape: Globe

Resistance: HR Pt IR Foc

IK FOC

Slurage

Storage:

Short

FEATURES

Season: Early

Shape:

Globe

Resistance:

Storage: Very long FEATURES

Season: Early

Shape: Globe

Resistance:

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Storage: Long

LUNG

ONION HYBRID



WAIKATO

Waikato is a mid-late season hard storage onion with tightly adhering golden brown scales. Waikato is adapted for export from southern hemisphere producers to Europe and Asia. Waikato can be stored up to 6 months and has a shorter growing time compared to other varieties in the same timeslot.

FEATURES

Season: Main/Late

Shape: Globe

Resistance:

Storage:

Very long



CASSOWARIE

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Cassowarie offers high yield potential, a consistent globe shape and appealing brown colour. Cassowarie was developed specifically for the NZ growers who prefer to sow in the later planting window. It stores well, meaning it is suitable for export and has a good pack-out rate that saves time and money.

FEATURES

Season: Late

Shape:

Globe

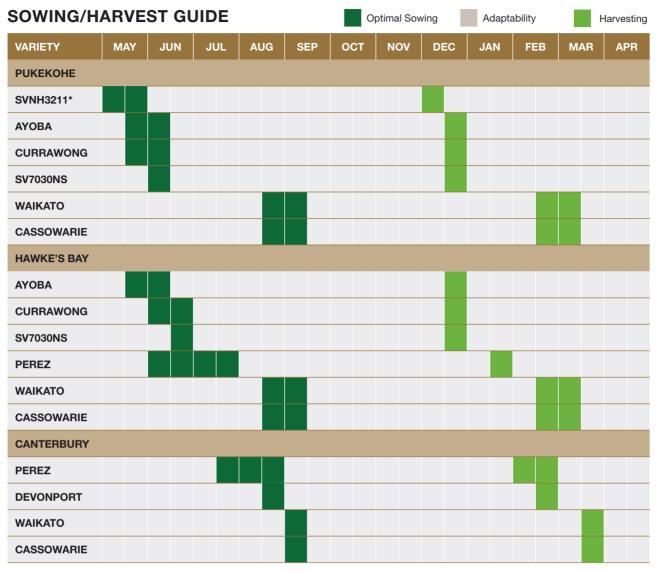
Resistance: IR Pt

Storage: Long



Icon indicates onion variety has intermediate Fusarium basal rot (Foc) resistance.





*This planting window is an estimate only. Defined planting window will be confirmed after completion of trial process.



LEEK

SPRING ONION





VOLTA

GREEN BANNER



Volta is a main season hybrid leek that is fast-growing with a long, bulb-free shank and small root plate. The plant is extremely upright and has a dark green colour. Volta has an impressive shank length and looks good on the shelf. Green Banner is a sturdy, uniform and vigorous onion. It is heat tolerant and holds well in the garden as it's slow to bolt or bulb. Green Banner's stems are glossy white and the leaves are full and dark green.

FEATURES

Resistance:

FEATURES

Resistance: HR Foc IR Pt



Icon indicates onion variety has intermediate Fusarium basal rot (Foc) resistance.



Icon indicates onion variety has Pink root (Pt) resistance.

TOMATO

Tomato, Rootstock Tomato



View our range of Tomato and Rootstock



ΤΟΜΑΤΟ





ENTICE

PINNACLE

Be enticed with Entice from Seminis. A gourmet tomato producing firm fruit, between 160–180g with good colour. Entice is a compact, manageable and determinate plant that has high setting ability under hot conditions that does not require trellising. Pinnacle – at the top of its field! This variety is highly adaptable with excellent weather tolerance. It is a high-yielding variety that produces medium-to-large, uniform fruit with a brilliant red colour. Fruit is early maturing and of a consistently high quality.

FEATURES

Type: Determinate

Shape: Deep Obiate

Weight: 160–180g

Resistances: HR ToMV:0–2/Fol:0,1/Va:0/Vd:0 IR TYLCV

FEATURES

Type: Indeterminate Round/Gourmet

Shape: Deep oblate

Weight:

130–140g

Resistances: HR ToMV:0-2/Aal/Fol:0-2/Sbl/Sl/Ss/ Va:0/Vd:0



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

VARIETY SUMMARIES, RESISTANCE CODES, SEED QUALITY, QUALITY ASSURANCE

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I know that with Seminis, I'm safe and secure. They have always showed their quality and wide knowledge.

SEMINIS GROWER

BROCCOLI

VARIETY	SEASON	HEAD SHAPE	BEAD SIZE
FANTASTICO	Transition	Dome	Fine
IRON CMS	Transition	Dome	Fine to medium
TITANIUM	Cool/Transition	Dome	Fine
LEGACY	Cool	Dome	Fine to medium
CHEVALIER	Cool	Dome	Fine to medium
HERITAGE	Cool	Dome	Fine to medium
EIFFEL	Spring/Summer	Dome	Fine to medium

CAULIFLOWER

VARIETY	SEASON	CURD COLOUR	CURD APPEARANCE	PLANT VIGOUR
SV5965AC	Winter	White	Large, heavy and dense	Strong
SV5982AC	Cool	White	Large, heavy and dense	Strong
TIPTON	Transition	White	Medium to deep	Medium to strong
CHEDDAR	Cool	Orange	Firm, smooth and medium	Medium

SPINACH

VARIETY	VIGOUR SCALE (1 = LOW, 10 = HIGH)	LEAF SHAPE	SMOOTHNESS	LEAF COLOUR	RESISTANCE	USAGE
SV2157VB	3	Oval	Semi-savoy	Dark green	HR Pe:1-13,15,16,18	Baby leaf
MAGNETIC	3	Oval to slightly pointed	Semi-savoy	Dark green	HR Pe:1–15,17	Baby leaf
KONA	3	Round to oval	Semi-savoy to Savoy	Medium dark green	HR Pe:1–15,17	Baby leaf
SV2146VB	3	Oval	Semi-savoy	Dark green	HR Pe:1-13,15,16,18	Baby leaf
RANGITOTO	7	Round to oval	Semi-savoy	Medium dark green	HR Pe:1–16,19	Baby leaf
SV3580VC	6	Oriental	Smooth	Dark green	HR Pe:1-13,15,16,18	Baby leaf and bunching
RS 06683549	8	Oriental	Smooth	Dark green	HR Pe:1-11,13,15,16,18	Baby leaf and bunching
ΜΟΤυΤΑΡυ	8	Oval to slight point	Smooth to Semi-savoy	Medium dark green	HR Pe:1–16,19	Baby leaf

LETTUCE

VARIETY	SEASON	RESISTANCE
ICEBERG		
Bubba	Winter	-
FANCY		
Frillice	Spring, autumn, summer	HR BI:16,17 IR LMV:1

SWEET CORN

VARIETY	COB SIZE	COLOUR	RESISTANCE
SV1446SD	20.5 x 5cm	Yellow	HR: RpG59 IR MDMV/SCMV/Pst/Bm:0/Et:1
ACCELERATION	20 x 4.5cm	Yellow	HR RpG5 IR MDMV/SCMV/Pst/Bm:0/Et:1
SV1514SK	20 x 4.5cm	Yellow	HR RpG5 IR MDMV/SCMV/Pst
EX 08705788	20 x 5cm	Bi-colour	HR Rp1D IR MDMV/SCMV
INCEPTION	19 x 5cm	Bi-colour	HR Rp1D+RpG IR Pst/Et

ONION – HYBRID

VARIETY	COLOUR	SHAPE	SEASON	STORAGE	RESISTANCE
AYOBA	Brown	Globe	First Early	Medium	HR Foc
CURRAWONG	Brown	Globe	First Early	Medium	IR Foc/Pt
SV7030NS	Red	Globe	First Early	Short	HR Pt IR Foc
PEREZ	Brown	Globe	Early	Very long	-
DEVONPORT	Brown	Globe	Early	Long	-
WAIKATO	Brown	Globe	Main/Late	Very long	-
CASSOWARIE	Brown	Globe	Late	Long	IR Foc
SVNH3211	Brown	Globe	First Early	Medium	Full disease resistance claim to be confirmed.

ΤΟΜΑΤΟ

VARIETY	ТҮРЕ	SHAPE	WEIGHT (G)	RESISTANCE
ENTICE	Determinate	Deep oblate	160–180g	HR ToMV:0–2/Fol:0,1/Va:0/Vd:0 IR TYLCV
PINNACLE	Indeterminate Round/Gourmet	Deep oblate	130–140g	HR ToMV:0-2/Aal/Fol:0-2/Sbl/Sl/Ss/Va:0/Vd:0

Codes indicate available resistance in the Vegetable Seeds variety catalogue. Bayer has exercised reasonable care and skill in compiling this catalogue. The varieties with disease resistance claims have been tested for specified disease resistance. All resistances quoted refer only to races or pathotypes of the variety. It is important to recognise that the response of resistant plants to pests or pathogens can vary according to host age and depend on environmental factors. New and/or atypical pest or pathogen biotypes, races, or strains may overcome resistance, sometimes completely.

The descriptions, advice, resistance claims and egetation cycles that are presented in this pricelist are intended for general guidance only. The user should apply it in accordance with knowledge and experience of local conditions.

Bayer follows International Seed Federation (ISF) recommendations concerning Resistance Codes. Bayer cannot accept any liability in connection with this product guide and does not guarantee any result or performance.

DISEASE RESISTANCE TERMINOLOGY

Resistance: is the ability of a plant variety to restrict the growth and development of a specified pest or pathogen and/or the damage they cause when compared to susceptible plant varieties under similar environmental conditions and pest or pathogen pressure. Resistant varieties may exhibit some disease symptoms or damage under heavy pest or pathogen pressure. Two levels of resistance are defined.

High/standard resistance (HR): plant varieties that highly restrict the growth and development of the specified pest or pathogen under normal pest or pathogen pressure when compared to susceptible varieties. These plant varieties may, however, exhibit some symptoms or damage under heavy pest or pathogen pressure.

Moderate/intermediate resistance (IR): plant varieties that restrict the growth and development of the specified pest or pathogen, but may exhibit a greater range of symptoms or damage compared to high/standard resistant varieties. Moderately/intermediately resistant plant varieties will still show less severe symptoms or damage than susceptible plant varieties when grown under similar environmental conditions and/or pest or pathogen pressure.

Tolerance: is the ability of a plant variety to endure abiotic stress without serious consequences for growth, appearance and yield. Bayer makes NO claims of tolerance to diseases or disorders caused by pests.

Note: All resistances are now referred to as High Resistance (HR) or Intermediate Resistance (IR). In this catalogue all resistances are HR unless specified.

LEAFY		
CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME
SPINACH		
Pe(ex.Pfs)	Peronospora farinosa	Downy mildew
Cd	Colletotrichum dematium	Anthracnose
CMV	-	Cucumber mosaic virus
Cv	Cladosporium variable	Cladosporium leaf spot
Fo	Fusarium oxysporum	-
Sb	Stemphylium botryosum	Stemphylium leaf spot
LETTUCE		
LMV	Lettuce Mosaic Virus	Lettuce mosaic virus
Nr	Nasanovia ribis-nigri	Nasonovia
Fol	Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. lactucae	Lettuce fusarium wilt
ВІ	Bremia lactucae	Downy mildew

LARGE SEED		
CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME
SWEET CORN		
Bm	Bipolaris maydis	Southern corn leaf blight and stalk rot
Et	Exserohilum turcicum	Northern corn leaf blight
MDMV	-	Maize dwarf mosaic virus
Ps	Puccinia sorghum	Common rust
Pst	Pantoea stewartii (Erwinia stewartii)	Stewarts disease (bacterial wilt)
Rp1D	-	Common rust
RPG	-	Common rust
SCMV	-	Sugarcane mosaic virus

ONION		
CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME
Foc		Fusarium basal rot
Pt		Pink root

TOMATOES			
CODE	SCIENTIFIC NAME	ENGLISH NAME	
Aal	Alternaria alternate f.sp. lycopersici	Alternaria stem canker	
Fol	Fusarium oxysporum f.sp. lycopersici	Fusarium wilt	
Ма	Meloidogyne arenaria	Root knot nematode	
Mi	Meloidogyne incognita	Root knot nematode	
Mj	Meloidogyne javanica	Root knot nematode	
ΤοΜV	-	Tomato mosaic virus	
TYLCV	-	Tomato yellow leaf curl virus	
Va	Verticillium albo-atrum	Verticillium wilt	
Vd	Verticillium dahliae	Verticillium wilt	

HOW BAYER PRODUCES HYBRID SEEDS

Hybrid seed production at Bayer requires rigorous processes to ensure high standards of quality. Hybrid parent lines are carefully shipped to Bayer owned farms or to contracted seed growers. The male and female seeds are then planted side by side. Once the parental plants flower, they cross pollinate to produce the seed-bearing fruit. The fruits are monitored as they mature until they are ready for harvest. Finally the commercial hybrid seeds, also called F1 seeds, are extracted from the fruit and shipped to one of twelve Bayer operations facilities where they are prepared for sale.

ONLY THE BEST SEEDS ARE KEPT

Growing and harvesting high quality seeds is just the beginning. The seeds must be cleaned and conditioned, dried, sorted by size (for precision planters), thoroughly tested and packed prior to shipping. Many growing areas also require seeds to be treated with protectants, primed or pelleted. All of our seed is stored in bulk containers under controlled storage conditions. It is packed to order based on each customer's specifications.

These services all require years of training as well as specialised equipment and logistical systems to do well. It's one of the reasons why growers prefer to purchase seed each season from Bayer.

All of our processes are designed to protect the quality of the seed – a fragile, living product.

CONDITIONING

Seed conditioners separate fully formed seeds by weight, size, shape and colour. The process also removes plant materials, debris, dead seed and seed from other plants.

SEED TREATMENTS

Seed treatments can be applied to seeds to protect them from disease during their most vulnerable time in the ground. They can also enhance germination, vigour and uniformity in the field. Common treatments include film coating, an application that coats the seed with a polymer that can hold to seed protectants.

The bright colour also makes the seed easy to identify during planting. In addition, some types of seed are "primed"

to enhance its performance. Primed seeds have been hydrated and re-dried prior to sale. Another popular option is pelleting, a thick coating that makes very small seeds larger, perfectly round, and easy to handle. The pellet typically splits open or dissolves once it is in the ground and exposed to water.

PACKAGING

Highly accurate machines are used to pack seed by count, weight and volume, depending on the crop and market. Pouches, foils, cans and pails are specially sealed to protect the seed during shipment and storage.

HEALTH, PURITY AND VIGOUR

Bayer completes nearly 500,000 quality checks on our seed each year. This rigorous testing is the centerpiece of our comprehensive quality assurance system. A single seed lot can be subjected to several dozen quality measurements. Several of our labs have been accredited by government auditors, such as the National Seed Health System in the United States and Naktuinbouw, the Dutch Inspection Service for Horticulture. To earn this prestigious status we have proven that our test results are reliable, reproducible and independent from commercial influence.

GERMINATION AND VIGOUR TESTING

Completed in specialised growth chambers and greenhouses, these tests provide one of the most important quality measurements of seeds. High germination percentages are indicative of health, vigour and the overall quality of the seeds. Our procedures meet or exceed international standards.

PHYSICAL PURITY

Using magnifiers and microscopes, technicians examine seed lots to detect weed seeds or other impurities.

Any irregularities are documented and the seed re-conditioned or discarded, if needed.

IDENTITY AND PURITY TESTING

It is impossible to identify a plant variety simply by looking at its seed. With 3,500+ products, Bayer has developed highly accurate methods to confirm identity and measure the percentage of hybridity of harvested seeds. Using equipment similar to what is found in sophisticated medical labs, Bayer technicians can even identify specific products via their DNA fingerprint. When needed, field tests called "grow-outs" are used to visually confirm that the plants have the right phenotype.

SEED HEALTH

Destructive bacteria and plant viruses can be transmitted on seeds and Bayer takes extreme caution to prevent infection during seed production and afterwards. Random samples of seeds (usually 30,000 or 50,000 seeds per lot) are drawn from seed lots and tested for the presence of pathogens that are known to be problematic.

In addition to grow-outs, where seeds are planted in greenhouses and tested for disease symptoms, the team uses a number of highly sensitive tests to find seeds that may carry pathogens. This may include enzyme-based ELISA assays and DNA-based PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests. Bayer has made many breakthroughs in the area of seed health, and for the benefit of the industry has often shared that knowledge.

QUALITY ASSURANCE RESEARCH

Bayer has a special team of quality experts whose job is to find new and innovative ways to improve the health and quality of seed. They study the physiological, horticultural and genetic factors that affect seed quality. We then use this information to guide our product development as well as the processes and technologies employed in seed production and operations.





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Individual results may vary, and performance may vary from location to location and from year to year. This result may not be an indicator of results you may obtain, as local growing, soil and weather conditions may vary. Growers should evaluate data from multiple locations and years whenever possible.