

# RHS AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

## Chilli & sweet peppers 2011



### The AGM criteria

Intended as a practical guide for the gardener, the AGM is awarded only to plants that are:

- excellent for ordinary use in appropriate conditions
- available in the trade
- of good constitution
- essentially stable in form and colour
- reasonably resistant to pests and diseases

### AGM hardiness ratings

Each award includes a hardiness rating, which is an integral part of the AGM, and should be included in any citation of the award:

**H1** requires heated glass

**H2** requires unheated glass

**H3** hardy outside in some regions; needs frost-free protection in winter

**H4** hardy throughout British Isles

### AGM material online

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### Cultivation

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### Descriptions

All descriptions have been drawn up by members of the RHS Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Committee, for the most part after trial.

#### CHILLI PEPPER (*Capsicum* species)

##### 06 'Apache' (H2)

~ decorative, growing to 45cm; does well in both large and small pots. Produces large crop of small, juicy, hot peppers that ripen from bright green to red and are held outwards from the stems

##### 06 'Caribbean Antillais' (H2)

~ quite small, blocky, bright red fruits; aromatic and very hot, of a type widely used in South American and Caribbean cooking. Later cropping, best sown in January and given a higher temperature to germinate

##### 06 'Demon Red' (H2)

~ a small, ornamental plant, starred with white flowers, it produces an abundant crop of tiny upward pointing fruits that mature to dark, bright red. Fruits are hot and used in Thai cooking

##### 06 'Etna' (H2)

~ attractive bunches of erect, shiny peppers that mature from bright mid green to red, carried on compact plants that are suitable for growing in pots. Large crop of very hot peppers.

##### 06 'Fiesta' (H2)

~ highly ornamental, 80cm high plants; starred with white flowers and covered in small, jewel-like, conical fruits that ripen through purple, yellow and orange to bright red. Excellent decorative plant for growing in pots

##### 06 'Filius Blue' (H2)

~ attractive, highly ornamental plants. The young leaves are mid green, becoming very dark green with a purple flush; the plants are covered with purple, orange and bright red fruits that are spicy and hot

##### 06 'Firecracker' (H2)

~ very ornamental, uniform plants with small, very hot peppers that are held upright and give an attractive sunset display once they have matured beyond purple

##### 06 'Fresno' (H2)

~ fairly short, upright growing plants; very productive. The conical fruits ripen from light green to deep scarlet red, with medium thick very hot flesh

##### 06 'Fuego' (H2)

~ good yield of early, easy to harvest, big, red fruits. A hot pepper with thick, meaty flesh

##### 06 'Habanero' (H2)

~ very attractive, blocky, orange fruits; very hot. Plants quite compact; good yield; suitable for growing in pots. Later-cropping, it is best sown in January

##### 06 'Hungarian Hot Wax' (H2)

~ conical fruits ripening from pale yellow to bright red; medium hot; very good for frying, stuffing and using in salads. One of the easiest to grow. Suitable for growing in pots

##### 06 'Navaho' (H2)

~ sturdy plants with stiff stems that carry the fruits well. Bright red, large, thick-fleshed, semi-hot peppers; good for stuffing

##### 06 'Prairie Fire' (H2)

~ very attractive, short (20cm high), spreading plants covered in a mass of very small, very hot, upright peppers that ripen from white, through yellow and orange, to red. Ideal for pots or a windowsill

##### 06 'Summer Heat' (H2)

~ reliably early, very hot, Jalapeno type pepper. Prone to corkiness and cracking, which is a trait valued by Mexican cooks

##### 06 'Super Chili' (H2)

~ ornamental plants; well suited to growing in pots. Produces a high yield of very hot, thin-walled fruits that are held upright and ripen from light green to orange-red

##### 06 'Thai Dragon' (H2)

~ very hot pepper used in Thai cooking. Plants fruit prolifically, but tend to be rather rampant and may need tying. Also responds well to stopping

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- 06 **'Tricolor Variegatum'** (H2)  
~ ornamental foliage attractive mid green, splashed cream and purple. Small fruits mature from purple, through orange to red. 70cm-high plants with a rather spreading habit, but can be pruned to shape
- SWEET PEPPER (*Capsicum annuum* var. *annuum* Grossum Group)**
- 98 **'Ace'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid; productive plants produce uniform, blocky, bell-shaped, fleshy fruits that ripen from mid green to a bright, attractive red. Reconfirmed after trial 2005
- 98 **'Ariane'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid. Early-cropping and productive. Blocky, bell-shaped fruit ripen from mid green to an attractive orange. Reconfirmed after trial 2005
- 05 **'Atris'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid; plants give a good yield of long, pointed, horn-shaped, fleshy fruits with a good flavour. Fruits ripen from mid green to an intense, deep red that darkens with maturity
- 93 **'Bell Boy'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid; blocky, bell-shaped fruits ripen from dark green to shining red. Reconfirmed after trial 1998, 2005
- 98 **'Bendigo'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid; an early variety. Bright shiny fruits with thick flesh
- 05 **'Calimero'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid; uniform round, smooth, small to medium-sized fruits; good for stuffing, with a good flavour. Maturing from mid green to bright red
- 93 **'Canape'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid. Good shape; bright red fruits; reconfirmed after trial 1998
- 05 **'Corno di Toro Rosso'** (H2)  
~ open-pollinated; later-cropping. Long, horn-shaped, very fleshy fruits that have a good flavour. Maturing from pale green to bright red
- 98 **'Cuneo Giallo'** (H2)  
~ very large fruits; good for stuffing
- 05 **'Diablo'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid; very productive plants producing large, pointed, horn-shaped fruits with a very good flavour. Fruits ripen from mid green to an attractive bright red
- 05 **'Friggitello'** (H2)  
~ open-pollinated; productive plants with small, long, slim, pointed fruits. Ripening from mid green to red; the versatile sweet-flavoured fruits have the appearance of a hot pepper and are also suitable for stir-fry and pickling
- 05 **'Gourmet'** (H2)  
~ open-pollinated. Uniform crop of blocky, bell-shaped, fleshy fruits with a sweet flavour. Maturing from dark green to a good bright orange
- 93 **'Gypsy'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid; early-cropping. High yield of long, blocky fruits with a good flavour, ripening from pale green to an attractive bright red. Reconfirmed after trial 1998, 2005
- 05 **'Mohawk'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid. Medium-sized, bell-shaped fruits that ripen from dark green to bright yellow; good flavour. Dwarf-growing plants are well suited to growing in pots
- 05 **'Redskin'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid; small to medium, blocky, bell-shaped fruits that ripen from dark green to a glossy, dark red. Compact plants give a high yield and are well suited to growing in pots
- 05 **'Sweet Spot'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid; attractive, long, slim fruits ripen from pale yellow-cream to bright orange-red
- 05 **'Topboy'** (H2)  
~ mid to late cropping; medium to large, beef tomato shape that is good for stuffing. Fleshy fruits mature from mid green to bright yellow
- 05 **'Topepo Rosso'** (H2)  
~ open-pollinated; productive, early-cropping plants. Medium-sized, beef tomato shape that is good for stuffing. Attractive fruits mature from dark green to bright red and have a good flavour
- 05 **'Topgirl'** (H2)  
~ early-cropping, medium-sized, beef tomato shape; good for stuffing. Fruits mature from pale green to red; good flavour. Dwarf-growing plants, well suited to growing in pots
- 98 **'Unicorn'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid. Nice tapering shape; good colour and yield
- 98 **'Vidi'** (H2)  
~ F1 hybrid. Compact plants, with a high yield of thick-fleshed, good-coloured fruits