

RHS AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

Beetroot 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

For information about RHS trials, go to: www.rhs.org.uk/trials. For a full list of AGM plants, go to: www.rhs.org.uk/AGMplants

Cultivation

For more information, go to www.rhs.org.uk/growyourown and look under **A to Z**.

Descriptions

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

BEETROOT (*Beta vulgaris*)

* The seed of beetroot, called a cluster, is the dried seedhead of the plant, which may contain as many as three true seeds. Monogerm varieties are bred to produce one seed per cluster.

Beetroot varieties with long red root

93 'Cheltenham Green Top' (H4)

~ good crop of uniformly shaped roots for late harvest; smooth skins and smooth shoulders. Good internal colour and sweet flavour. Reconfirmed after trial 2005

93 'Forono' (H4)

~ open pollinated. Cylindrical, with fairly smooth skins and roots of moderate uniformity; good internal colour. Slow to bulk up. Reconfirmed after trial 2005

Beetroot varieties with round red root

93 'Action' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; early. Smooth uniform roots with good flesh colour and freedom from rings. Appears to have good bolting resistance. Bulks up quickly. Reconfirmed after trial 2001 and 2005

05 'Alto' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; early. Cylindrical, uniform, smooth roots with very good internal colour. Potential to bulk up well.

93 'Bikores' (H4)

~ open-pollinated; uniform roots, with good flesh colour and freedom from internal rings. Good bolting resistance; bulked up well. Reconfirmed after trial 2001 and 2005

93 'Boltardy' (H4)

~ good bolting resistance

93 'Bonel' (H4)

~ good flesh colour and freedom from internal rings. Reconfirmed after trial 2001

05 'Boro' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid. Early, slightly flattened round shape. Bulk up well. Very smooth skins

01 'Monodet' (H4)

~ monogerm*; uniform roots with smooth skins and good flesh colour

93 'Monogram' (H4)

~ monogerm* with good flesh colour and smooth skins

93 'Pablo' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; very early. Uniform roots with very smooth skins; very good internal colour and freedom from internal rings. Appears to have good bolting resistance. Widely used as a show cultivar. Reconfirmed after trial 2001 and 2005

01 'Pronto' (H4)

~ very uniform, with smooth skins and high yield potential

01 'Red Ace' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; uniform roots with good flesh colour and no rings

93 'Regala' (H4)

~ very good flesh colour and good bolting resistance. Reconfirmed after trial 2001

05 'Rubidus' (H4)

~ early; slightly flattened round shape. Fairly smooth roots with good internal colour

05 'Solo' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; monogerm*. Round to slightly flattened shape. Bulks up well; smooth roots of good internal colour

93 'Wodan' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid with round, slightly flattened shape. Smooth roots; good internal colour. Bulks up well. Reconfirmed after trial 2005

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