

RHS AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

Leeks 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**. For supplier details go to: www.rhs.org.uk/vegseedsuppliers

Descriptions

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

LEEK (*Allium porrum*)

Early maturing leek

00 'Autumn Giant 2 – Porvite' (H4)

~ dark green erect flags; uniform, solid, long shafts; slight bulbing, high yield, low levels of rust

00 'Autumn Mammoth 3 – Firena' (H4)

~ dark green erect plants, with a good yield of well-blanching leeks. Some bolters from early sowing; little bulbing and low levels of rust

00 'Brecon' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid. Uniform, dark green, erect, with long smooth shafts and no bulbing

00 'Carlton' (PBR) (H4)

~ F1 hybrid. Plants with mid to dark green flags and good uniformity. Above average bolting

00 'King Richard' (H4)

~ very long shafts with pale green flags; high yields with low levels of bolting

00 'Mammoth Blanch' (H4)

~ a show variety suitable for December sowing. Early-maturing, with high yields of well-shaped leeks with pale green flags, long, heavy shafts and no bolters

00 'Pancho' (H4)

~ good early yield of medium long, mid green, solid shafts with only slight bulbing. Little rust

00 'Swiss Giant – Prelina' (H4)

~ pale flags with a good yield; some rust

00 'Swiss Giant – Tilina' (H4)

~ very high yield of medium to long, slightly bulby leeks with slight bolting

00 'Upton' (PBR) (H4)

~ F1 hybrid. Uniform, very dark green flags with no bulbing and very little bolting and rust

Late spring leek

09 'Atlanta' (H4)

~ good open-pollinated cultivar.

Dark blue-green, erect flags, with healthy foliage. Medium length of blanch

09 'Bandit' (H4)

~ good open-pollinated cultivar. Dark blue-green flags; reasonable length of blanch

09 'Edison' (H4)

~ hybrid. Healthy, erect, fairly tall, dark blue-green flags; solid round shanks with good length of blanch

Maincrop leek

02 'Apollo' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; smooth, with slightly pale green leaves; high December yield

93 'Autumn Mammoth 3 – Cobra' (H4)

~ mid season to late. Short to medium with dark green flags, but below average uniformity

93 'Autumn Mammoth 3 – Enak' (H4)

~ early to mid season. Medium long, well-blanching, with mid to dark green, erect flags

93 'Blauwgroene Herfst – Profina' (H4)

~ early to mid season. Medium to long, erect, slim shafts with dark green flags and some bulbing

93 'Blauwgroene Herfst – Verina' (H4)

~ early. Medium length with mid green flags and little bulbing

02 'Blue Green Autumn – Conora' (H4)

~ medium length; smooth straight shanks with mid green leaves

02 'Blue Green Autumn – Poristo' (H4)

~ long clean shanks, good length of blanch, dark green flag, good yield

02 'Blue Green Winter – Laura' (H4)

~ medium-length, well-blanching and slightly bulby

93 'Giant Winter – Catalina' (H4)

~ mid season to late. Uniform short

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| <p>shafts with dark green flags</p> <p>02 'Kajak' (H4)</p> <p>~ quite short shanks; uniform, well-blanched, dark green leaves</p> <p>93 'Longbow' (H4)</p> <p>~ mid season. Uniform, medium-length, slightly bulby leeks</p> <p>02 'Mammoth Pot' (H4)</p> <p>~ uniform, with whole stem blanched and light green flag.</p> | <p>High December yield. A good short garden plant</p> <p>02 'Oarsman' (H4)</p> <p>~ F1 hybrid; erect plant, with very straight shank, uniform, smooth; flag leaf clean</p> <p>00 'Swiss Giant – Jolant' (H4)</p> <p>~ for December cropping; high yield; medium to dark green flags; long, solid shafts with little bulbing and very few bolters.</p> | <p>Low levels of rust infection. Reconfirmed after trial 2002</p> <p>02 'Toledo' (H4)</p> <p>~ late. Uniform, medium to long, smooth shanks, with dark green flags</p> <p>93 'Winterreuzen – Granada' (H4)</p> <p>~ late. Uniform, with dark green flags; tends to split</p> |
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