

RHS AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

Parsnips, swedes & turnips 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.

PARSNIP (*Pastinaca sativa*)

- 09 'Albion' (H4)
~ uniform crop of good, smooth-skinned, white roots
- 09 'Archer' (H4)
~ crops between 'Gladiator' and 'Javelin'. Good smooth-skinned roots
- 93 'Cobham Improved Marrow' (H4)
~ open-pollinated; wedge- and bayonet-shaped roots with smooth skins; good canker resistance. Reconfirmed after trial 2001 and 2009
- 01 'Countess' (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; smooth skin, shallow crowns, pale cream colour
- 01 'Dagger' (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; a smooth parsnip with a shallow crown, very uniform. Reconfirmed after trial 2009
- 01 'Excalibur' (H4)
~ F1 hybrid. A long cream-coloured parsnip; smooth skin; uniform shape
- 01 'Gladiator' (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; very smooth skin, good potential yield, uniform shape, shallow lenticels. Reconfirmed after trial 2009
- 93 'Javelin' (H4)
~ F1 hybrid. Wedge-shaped, smooth-skinned roots; yields well. Good canker resistance. Reconfirmed after trial 2009
- 09 'Lancer' (H4)
~ open-pollinated. Smooth-skinned, tapering roots with erect foliage. Has shorter roots and would be useful for baby-root production
- 09 'Palace' (PBR) (H4)
~ good quality, wedge-shaped roots with shallow crown
- 09 'Panache' (PBR) (H4)
~ evenly tapered roots; smooth skins
- 09 'Picador' (H4)
~ attractive white, slightly bulbous roots. Tall foliage
- 93 'Tender and True' (H4)
~ long roots of mixed size
- 01 'White Spear' (H4)
~ uniform shape, shallow lenticels, smooth skin, good white colour

SWEDE (*Brassica napus* Napobrassica Group)

- 02 'Brora' (PBR) (H4)
~ uniform crop; very good smooth shape and colour
- 02 'Magres' (H4)
~ fairly round; good size. Yellow flesh contrasts with purple skin
- 02 'Ruby' (PBR) (H4)
~ good colour skin, good yellow flesh; elongated shape with a long handle
- 02 'Wilhelmsburger' (H4)
~ uniform, good round shape; short handle; green skin with creamy white flesh

TURNIP (*Brassica rapa* Rapifera Group)

- 97 'Atlantic' (H3)
~ early to mid season. Attractive flattened round roots with a purple top; very quick to mature. Reconfirmed after trial 2004
- 97 'Ivory' (H3)
~ uniform, attractive, long cylindrical roots, white and smooth, with a sweet flavour
- 97 'Market Express' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; early. Uniform, medium size, smooth, round, pure white, shiny roots. Reconfirmed after trial 2004
- 04 'Oasis' (H3)
~ good early crop of conical white roots
- 04 'Primera' (H3)
~ uniform crop of flat-shaped roots with purple top and attractive smooth skin. Good internal flesh
- 04 'Tiny Pal' (H3)
~ attractive round white roots with very smooth skin
- 93 'Tokyo Cross' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; early. Uniform, medium size, smooth, round, pure white, shiny roots; reconfirmed after trial 1997 and 2004
- 97 'Tokyo Top' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Uniform size; small, white, shiny, round roots

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