

RHS AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

Cauliflowers 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.

CAULIFLOWER (*Brassica oleracea* Botrytis Group)

Autumn heading cauliflower (season September to November)

02 'Autumn Glory' (H3)

~ early, cropping over a longer period; smaller, creamy curds; good depth

02 'Aviso' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; early cropping, with a short cropping period; high proportion of first-class, smooth, white curds

93 'Belot' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; very late, large, compact, deep, solid, very white curds. Extremely well-protected by leaf-wrap. Reconfirmed as (H4) for winter heading after trial 2009

93 'Castlegrant' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Well-protected, smooth, solid curds which can be flattish and show some looseness

93 'Kestel' (H3)

~ early mid season. Smooth curds, tending to yellow

93 'Lindon' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Well-protected, good quality, deep curds

02 'Minneapolis' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; mid season to late maturity, cropping over a long period; deep, smooth, firm curds

02 'Moby Dick' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; early with a short cropping period; uniform, very deep, heavy curds

02 'Pavilion' (PBR) (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; early with a short cropping period; very uniform; good white colour, size and depth

02 'Regata' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; mid season with a long cropping period; deep, solid curds. Vigorous plants frequently produce side-shoots as well as good quality heads. Very useful

for the garden. Reconfirmed as (H4) for winter heading after trial 2008

02 'Skywalker' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; early with a short cropping period; very good white colour, size and depth

94 'Talbot' (H3)

~ late with a long cropping period; good depth and size; creamy colour. Reconfirmed after trial 2002

02 'Valtos' (H3)

~ early. White deep well-protected curds

93 'Vidoke' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; late. Medium-sized, solid, deep, white curds

02 'White Excel' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; early with a short cropping period; very uniform; bright white colour; good size and depth. High proportion of first-class, superb, firm curds

Winter heading cauliflower (season November to January)

08 'Deakin' (H4)

~ uniform crop of solid white curds. Well protected by leaf-wrap

09 'Triumphant' (H4)

~ late-cropping; plants have good frame; well-protected heads with white curds that are small, but deep and solid

Winter cauliflower for spring heading (maturing from March to May)

05 'Aalsmeer' (H4)

~ open-pollinated cultivar; early mid season. Produces medium to small, cream-coloured, slightly lumpy, well-protected curds that have a good depth. This cultivar produced several multiple heads and side-shoots, many of usable quality

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- 97 **'Admirable'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; early mid season. Good quality, medium-sized heads
- 05 **'Cameron'** (H4)
~ hybrid; midseason. Vigorous, strong plants produce good quality, solid curds over a period of two weeks. Medium to large curds with good depth and bright white colour
- 97 **'Christingle'** (H4)
~ open-pollinated; mid to late season. Vigorous plants producing a high yield of creamy to white, solid curds with very good depth. Reconfirmed after trial 2005
- 97 **'Colombo'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; very early. Deep white curds
- 97 **'Dalton'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; early. Very good quality; medium to large curds
- 05 **'Evita'** (H4)
~ open-pollinated cultivar. Late season. Good quality, medium-sized curds produced over a period of almost four weeks. A cultivar that the Committee particularly noted for the length of cutting time
- 97 **'Galleon'** (H4)
~ early mid season. Medium to large, good quality curds, with very good leaf protection
- 97 **'Jerome'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; early mid season. Vigorous plant, producing good quality, well-covered curds. Curds well-rounded, medium to small and cream-coloured. Reconfirmed after trial 2005
- 97 **'Martian'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; early mid season. Very vigorous plants, producing good quality, medium-sized curds with good depth. Reliable cultivar countrywide. Reconfirmed after trial 2005
- 97 **'Mayfair'** ^(PBR) (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Good quality, medium-sized, solid curds
- 05 **'Needles'** (H4)
~ hybrid; very early crop. Produces high proportion of good quality, medium-sized curds that have a good depth, with good leaf cover
- 97 **'Nomad'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Good quality, medium-sized curds
- 05 **'Patriot'** (H4)
~ open-pollinated cultivar; mid to late season. Produces a good yield of quality, medium-sized curds that have a good depth and are well covered
- 97 **'Prestige'** (H4)
~ open-pollinated; mid to late season. Produces medium-sized, creamy curds. A reliable cultivar countrywide. Reconfirmed after trial 2005
- 97 **'Walcheren Winter 3 – Armado'** (H4)
~ early with a long cutting season. Good quality curds
- 97 **'Walcheren Winter – Armado May'** (H4)
~ early mid season. Good quality, medium to large curds
- Summer heading cauliflower (season June to mid July)**
- 97 **'Amsterdam'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Midseason to late, large to medium sized, well-protected deep, white, solid curds. Reconfirmed after trial 2006 as spring sown
- 06 **'Andes'** (H3)
~ hybrid; early. High quality curds, medium-sized, creamy-white and solid. Leaves give moderate curd protection
- 97 **'Asterix'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Vigorous plants with long leaves and medium-sized, white, solid, well-protected curds
- 93 **'Aubade'** (H3)
~ early to mid season. Not very vigorous plants with semi-erect leaves and smooth curds
- 06 **'Avalanche'** (H3)
~ hybrid; midseason. Attractive, high quality, medium to large sized, white, solid curds
- 06 **'Aviron'** (H3)
~ hybrid; late. High quality, well-protected, large to medium sized solid, white heads
- 97 **'Barcelona'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Deep, round, solid, well-protected curds
- 97 **'Beauty'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season to late. Fairly vigorous plants with deep, white, solid curds
- 97 **' Fargo'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; late. Deep, white, well-protected curds
- 97 **'Fastman'** (H3)
~ early to mid season. Plants with rather spreading leaves and solid heads
- 06 **'Flamenco'** (H3)
~ hybrid; midseason to late. Very high quality, large to medium sized, white, solid curds with good depth
- 97 **'Gypsy'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Plants with medium to large frames; white curds
- 97 **'Mayflower'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; very early. High quality, medium-sized, white, solid curds Reconfirmed after trial 2006
- 97 **'Nautilus'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; late. Vigorous plants with deep, white, well-protected curds of excellent quality
- 06 **'Nessie'** (H3)
~ hybrid; midseason to late. Medium to large, very high quality, bright white, solid curds of good weight and well protected. Can be successional sown up to the end of May

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- 93 **'Perfection'** (H3)
~ very early. Large curds; tend to be flat
- 93 **'Plana'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; midseason. Uniform, vigorous plants with large creamy white curds
- 97 **'Predominant'** (H3)
~ early midseason. Medium sized, solid, deep curds
- 93 **'White Rock'** (H3)
~ late. Deep, white, well protected curds
- Coloured and Romanesco**
- 94 **'Alverda'** (H3)
~ early to mid season. Smooth, green curds of good depth with some bracting. When cooked, the contrast between the green surface of the curd and its white centre is very attractive
- 05 **'Cheddar'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; firm, deep orange-yellow curds that keep their colour both internally and externally when cooked
- 05 **'Collage'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; smooth, dense, deep orange-yellow curds that keep their colour both internally and externally when cooked
- 05 **'Emeraude'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; solid, heavy, smooth, bright green curds, which keep their surface colour when cooked. This contrasts well with the white internal flesh
- 94 **'Esmeraldo'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Smooth green curds of good depth. Attractive when cooked
- 05 **'Graffiti'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Small to medium, high quality, solid curds of a very attractive amethyst colour. The colour fades a little if boiled, but is retained better if steamed. The raw curds have a good flavour and would be a colourful addition to a salad or dish of crudités. Midseason. Reconfirmed after trial 2006
- 94 **'Marmalade'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; very early; deep, orange curds
- 94 **'Minaret'** (H3)
~ early. Green curd formed of a spiral of pyramidal pinnacles. Can become loose
- 94 **'Red Lion'** (H3)
~ very late. Small, attractive, purple heads
- 05 **'Veronica'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; appetising light green Romanesco type. Uniform good-sized, solid, well-shaped heads
- 94 **'Violet Queen'** (H3)
~ very early. Purple, medium-sized curds of good depth
- 94 **'Violetta Italia'** (H3)
~ very early. Purple, medium to large curds of good depth