

RHS AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

Marrows, courgettes & squash 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.

COURGETTE (*Cucurbita pepo*)

- 93 'Acceste' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Very high yield of heavy, medium to long, lightly speckled fruits
- 07 'Astia' (H3)
~ good yield; medium green, flecked fruit, long with parallel sides
- 93 'Astoria' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. High yield of heavy, medium-length fruits
- 98 'Bambino' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Bush type; good compact plants with open habit. A high yield of short, dark green fruits with parallel sides. Reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 98 'Blackjack' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Bush type; a high yield of slender, very dark green fruits
- 98 'Consul' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Bush type; a very high yield of slender, mid green fruits
- 93 'Defender' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. A high yield of medium-sized, slender, very lightly flecked fruits
- 93 'Early Gem' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; a high yield of slender, lightly speckled fruits. Easy to see on the plant
- 98 'El Greco' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Bush type; plant of open habit with mid green fruits
- 07 'Firenze' (H3)
~ lovely dark green fruits; smooth and shiny
- 98 'Jemmer' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Bush type; high yield of slim yellow fruits. Also recommended as a summer squash, 2006
- 93 'President' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. A high yield of medium-sized, medium-speckled fruits
- 98 'Raven' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Bush type; a good yield of dark green fruits
- 07 'Romanesco' (H3)
~ distinctive, heavily ribbed fruits that

hold their flowers. Popular in Italy; the flowers are used for stuffing.

Semi-trailing plants; good yield

- 07 'Saracen' (H3)
~ very high yield; medium green, short, shiny fruits
- 93 'Supremo' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. A very high yield of heavy, dark green, uniform fruits with some flecking. Erect habit makes fruits easy to pick. Reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 07 'Sylvana' (H3)
~ huge yield of attractively shaped fruits from vigorous plants
- 07 'Tristan' (H3)
~ good yield from healthy plants; uniform, medium-green, cylindrical fruits
- 98 'Valiant' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Bush type; a good yield of dark green fruits
- 98 'Venus' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Bush type; smooth, spine-free stems with dark green glossy fruits

MARROW (*Cucurbita pepo*)

- 97 'Badger Cross' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Later bush variety; small, good shape with dark-striped fruits. Claimed CMV tolerance
- 97 'Clarita' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; early cropping. High yield of pear-shaped, green-white fruits. Needs cutting when small
- 97 'Minipak' (H3)
~ later bush variety, with small dark striped fruits
- 97 'Tiger Cross' (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. High yield of pale-striped fruits. Claimed CMV tolerance

SQUASH (BUTTERNUT) (*Cucurbita moschata*)

- 08 'Cobnut' (H3)
~ early ripening; large, ridged fruits with a small seed cavity

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08 **'Harrier'** (H3)
~ early crop of small to medium sized, bell-shaped fruits, with a small seed cavity

08 **'Hawk'** (H3)
~ very attractive, pear-shaped fruits with orange-gold flesh

08 **'Hunter'** (H3)
~ a very high yield of uniformly small to medium, long pear-shaped fruits with a small seed cavity. Early ripening with orange-gold flesh

SQUASH (SUMMER) (*Cucurbita pepo*)

06 **'Clarion'** (H3)
~ hybrid; mid season. Healthy plants produce a high yield of attractive cylindrical fruits that are a mottled light green. Useful for stuffing if left to grow bigger

06 **'Eight Ball'** (H3)
~ good yield of round, green fruits; easy to see and pick from the compact, upright plants

06 **'Geode'** (H3)
~ early and heavy crop of uniform, round, mid to pale green, marbled fruits with smallish blossom end scar. Clean, healthy plants

06 **'Jemmer'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; good yield of bright, light yellow, cylindrical fruits. Vigorous, healthy, upright plants with fruits that are easy to see and pick; also recommended as a courgette

06 **'Parador'** (H3)
~ hybrid; crops early and gives a high yield. Nicely shaped fruits are cylindrical, straight and an attractive bright yellow. Flowers are held on the fruits until completely

faded. Plants are healthy and compact

06 **'Peter Pan'** (H3)
~ uniform crop of light-green, scallop-shaped fruits should be harvested when small

06 **'Satellite'** (H3)
~ hybrid; smaller, compact plants produce an early and prolific crop. Oval fruits are an attractive, vibrant dark green

06 **'Soleil'** (H3)
~ hybrid; early to crop. Attractive, bright yellow, cylindrical fruits with yellow stalks. Healthy, compact, productive plants

06 **'Sunburst'** (H3)
~ hybrid; attractive yellow, scallop-shaped fruits. Used for "baby veg"; best harvested when small (5-6cm