

RHS AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

Spinach 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.

SPINACH (*Spinacia oleracea*)

- 08 **'Amazon'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; resistant to mildew races 1–10. Vigorous plants that bulk well; leaves are large, round and a good glossy dark green
- 96 **'Atlanta'** (H3)
~ mid green large round leaves. Good cropper
- 08 **'Barbados'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; resistant to mildew races 1–10. Slow to bolt with attractive round, dark leaves and upright habit
- 02 **'Campania'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Quick-maturing, with mid to dark green leaves; large frame; stands well. Bulks up quickly. Resistant to mildew races 1–5 and 7. Reconfirmed after trial 2008
- 02 **'Emilia'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Very uniform plants, with upright habit and good dark green colour; slightly blistered (semi-Savoy) leaves. Resistant to mildew races 1–10. Reconfirmed after trial 2007 and 2008
- 07 **'Fiorano'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; resistant to mildew races 1–10. Upright habit; smooth, round-edged leaves are a good dark green. Reconfirmed after trial 2008
- 02 **'Grodane'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Smooth, bright, mid to dark green leaves with slight blistering. Vigorous plants producing a bulky crop
- 08 **'Hector'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. High yield of round, dark green leaves with a good flavour
- 07 **'Lazio'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; resistant to mildew races 1–10. Very reliable cultivar with a high yield and upright habit. Smooth, dark green very rounded leaves have a good flavour. Bulks well. Widely grown in the trade for baby-leaf production. Reconfirmed after trial 2008
- 00 **'Matador'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Thick, dark green, upright leaf
- 96 **'Mazurka'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Round, dark green leaf. Useful crop; stands well before bolting. Reconfirmed after trial 2000
- 00 **'Medania'** (H3)
~ open pollinated; resistant to mildew races 1 and 3. Good yield from slower growing plants that are slow to bolt. Slightly blistered, large round leaves. Reconfirmed after trial 2008
- 07 **'Mikado'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; resistant to mildew races 1–4. New slow-bolting, oriental type with glossy, mid green, pointed leaves with long petioles. Vigorous and high yielding with good flavour. Bulks well; reconfirmed after trial 2008. May also be listed as 'Oriente'
- 96 **'Monnopa'** (H3)
~ upright leaf habit. Round, pale green leaves and a good crop
- 00 **'Palco'** (H3)
~ late; mid green, upright leaf
- 08 **'Rhino'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; resistant to mildew races 1–7. Uniform crop of dark green, smooth, rounded leaves. Plants are vigorous and bulk well
- 02 **'Scenic'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Large, bright, prostrate mid green leaves. High-yielding, with mid season maturity. Suitable for 'cut and come again'. Reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 96 **'Space'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Round, yellow-green, slightly puckered leaf. Later-maturing; stands well

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- 02 **'Spartacus'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Attractive, very dark green, blistered leaf. Tight hearts; good vigour. Fairly slow to mature. Would suit 'cut and come again' cropping
- 96 **'Spokane'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. resistant to mildew races 1–3. Uniform, high-yielding crop of glossy, round, dark-green leaves; semi-rugose type; smaller-growing, with prostrate habit. Later-maturing; bulks well. Reconfirmed after trial 2000, 2002, 2007 and 2008
- 00 **'Tetona'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Vigorous, uniform plants with an upright habit, producing a good yield of small, rounded, mid green leaves. Reconfirmed after trial 2007, 2008
- 08 **'Tirza'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; resistant to mildew races 1–7. Heavy yield of mid green, smooth, rounded leaves. Vigorous, quite uniform plants
- 07 **'Tornado'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; resistant to mildew races 1–7. Bulks well. Good dark green leaves with upright habit and a stronger flavour
- 02 **'Toscane'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; resistant to mildew races 1–5 and 7. Good yield of uniform, very dark green leaves.
- Relatively slow growing, so stands well. Useful for successional sowing from April to September. Reconfirmed after trial 2008
- 93 **'Triathlon'** (H3-4)
~ F1 hybrid; early. Large, pointed, yellow-green leaves; strong-growing. An excellent crop
- 02 **'Trinidad'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Upright, vigorous, dark green shiny leaf. Slightly blistered. Later to mature; well-suited to autumn cropping
- 08 **'Veneto'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Slow to bolt; plants with good vigour, bulking well, producing pale to mid green, smooth leaves

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