

Picasso.



(CARA x AUSONIA)

Market Outlet:
Table & Export

General

Picasso is a high yielding, parti-coloured table variety, heralding from Cara parentage. It produces lots of big, uniform tubers that are oval with shallow eyes. It has a light yellow flesh colour, and the cooking type is rather floury with a moderate dry matter. Picasso is suitable for cultivation at all soil types and the resistance to Common Scab and Virus Yn is good. It is a strong and vigorous plant, able to withstand changeable and hot weather conditions. For this reason Picasso is suitable for cultivation in Southern and Eastern Europe and North Africa. It is a big export variety to the Canary Islands.

Maturity

Maincrop

Cultivation

Picasso can be planted directly from the cold store. For a quick development pre-sprouting (chitting) is advised or give a temperature shock. The plant distance at a tuber size of 35/55mm is about 32cm (40,000 plants per Ha). Use of Metribuzin (eg. Sencorex) often gives some yellow discolouration of the leaves, and sometimes causes a yield reduction. It is a strong and vigorous plant, able to withstand changeable and hot weather conditions. The foliage is strong and the soil coverage is good. The resistance to bruising is very good. Suitable for cultivation at all soil types.

Fertiliser Treatment Suggestions

The recommendation for Nitrogen is a little less than standard

Storage

Picasso has an excellent dormancy and is suitable for long term storage

Resistance

Picasso is rather susceptible to Leaf Roll Virus, Virus Yntn, Spraing and Foliage Blight. The resistance to Virus X is very good and to Virus Yn, Fusarium Dry Rot), Common Scab and Tuber Blight is good. Picasso is resistant to PCN Ro1 & 4, and Wart Disease fysisio 1.

Agronomic Information

Scoring (1= low / poor, 9= high / excellent)

Average Yield

9

Disease Resistance

Quality

Tuber Shape	Oval
Uniformity of shape	6
Eye Depth	7
Skin Colour	Parti-Coloured
Flesh Colour	Yellow
Dry Matter (%)	18.7

Foliage Blight	5
Tuber Blight	7
Alternaria (Early Blight)	
Common Scab	7
Powdery Scab	5
Virus Y	7
Virus Yntn	5
Virus A	
Virus X	9
Spraing	5
Silver Scurf	
Fusarium (Dry Rot)	7
PCN—Ro1 & 4	Resistant
PCN—Pallida	Susceptible
Wart Disease (1)	Resistant
Leaf Roll Virus	5
Blackleg	5

Agronomy

Dormancy	8
Foliage Maturity	5
Tuber Number (score)	6
Resistance to damage	8
Resistance to bruising	7
Secondary Growth	8
Flower Colour	White

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