



OUTSTANDING QUALITIES

- ◆ GOOD COLOUR
- ◆ HIGH YIELD POTENTIAL
- ◆ HARVEST READY AS SOON AS 58 DAYS AFTER TRANSPLANT
- ◆ WIDE ADAPTABILITY

Fordhook Giant has a dark glossy green leaf colour. **Fordhook Giant** takes 58 days to mature after seedling transplant. Stems are broad and white in colour. The leaves are deeply savoyed and the leaf margins are rippled. This swiss chard variety is the most used variety in South Africa. In South Africa, Swiss chard is commonly referred to as spinach (or “spinassie”) – and is generally sold in bunches or as a processed product in supermarkets.

SPECIAL VARIETAL REQUIREMENTS

- Plant on beds or ridges in the summer if possible
- Contact your area representative for more information

CHARACTERISTIC*	FORDHOOK GIANT
KIND	Open pollinated Swiss Chard (<i>Spinacea oleracea</i>)
MATURITY	Between 55 – 65 days
COLOUR	Dark glossy green
LEAF SURFACE	Deeply savoyed
LEAF MARGINS	Rippled
PLANT HEIGHT	56 - 69 cm
STEM TYPE	Broad, white
YIELD POTENTIAL	Good
USE	Home garden, fresh market, open field and under protection
SPECIAL FEATURES	Most commonly used swiss chard variety in South Africa, good contrast from dark green leaf to thick white stems

* Characteristics given are affected by production methods such as soil type, nutrition, planting population, planting date and climatic conditions. Please read disclaimer.

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* Experimental: This variety does not appear on the current South African Variety list, but has been submitted for registration.

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