



## OUTSTANDING QUALITIES

- ◆ MEDIUM-LARGE SIZED, BLOCKY FRUIT
- ◆ DARK GREEN TURNING TO BRIGHT RED
- ◆ INTERMEDIATE RESISTANCE TO TSWV AND POWDERY MILDEW
- ◆ BALANCED PLANT WITH VERY GOOD LEAF COVER
- ◆ PREFERRED PLANTING SLOT IS HOT-COLD-HOT (HCH)

**Juma\*** has been developed for the production of high quality fruit in plastic greenhouses and shaded production. The medium-large sized fruit has a smooth surface and shallow shoulders and is bright red when ripe. Plants have a taller growth habit and are suitable for production in areas where Tomato spotted wilt is a problem. Results indicate very good Powdery mildew resistance. **Juma\*** has high resistance to Tobamo viruses (Tm 0,3) and intermediate resistance to Tomato spotted wilt (TSWV), *Leveillula taurica* (Lt) and Potato Y (PVY).

## SPECIAL VARIETAL REQUIREMENTS

- By transplanting young seedlings (2 true leaves) and removing flowers of the first 3 to 4 nodes, plants are able to develop strong root systems and good canopies allowing for long season production.

CHARACTERISTIC*	JUMA*
KIND	F1 hybrid pepper ( <i>Capsicum</i> L.)
TYPE	Blocky
MATURITY	Early
FRUIT DIMENSIONS	Approximately 9 x 9 cm (app. 200 - 220 g on two stems)
FRUIT SHAPE	Blocky
FRUIT WALL	Thick
SMOOTHNESS	Smooth surface and shallow shoulders
FRUIT COLOUR	Dark green turning to bright red
PLANT TYPE	Taller
DISEASE REACTION (SCIENTIFIC)	<b>High resistance:</b> <i>Tobamo virus</i> (Tm 0,3), <b>Intermediate resistance:</b> <i>Tomato spotted wilt virus</i> (TSWV), <i>Leveillula taurica</i> (Lt) and <i>Potato virus Y</i> (PVY)
PRODUCTION	Plastic green house and shade net production
POPULATION GUIDE	3,6 – 4,8 stems per m <sup>2</sup>
USE	Suggested for pre-packaging, harvest green or red
SPECIAL FEATURES	High quality fruit on vigorous plant, with intermediate resistance to Tomato spotted wilt virus and Powdery mildew

\* 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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## GENERAL TIPS FOR SWEET PEPPER PRODUCTION

### Climatic requirements

- Peppers grow best when relative humidity (RH) is 65 - 75 %
- Maintain good ventilation (0.5 m/s) to keep conditions favourable for transpiration
- Pepper plants need good light (1 100 - 1 300  $\mu\text{s}/\text{m}^2$  or 60 000 lux). Heavy shade can induce stress, but light shade stimulates growth
- The ideal temperature is around 18°C (minimum) and 25°C (maximum)
- Temperatures lower than 15°C results in very poor growth
- Temperatures higher than 28°C induce stress

### Blossom end rot (BER)

#### Causes

- Genetic. Varieties differ in their tolerance to this disorder
- BER is usually associated with a localised calcium (Ca) deficiency in the blossom end of young fruit
- High relative humidity limits transpiration and therefore, Ca-uptake
- Low humidity may cause BER as water, with dissolved nutrients flow to leaves and not to fruit
- BER incidence increases when the ratio ppm N-NO<sub>3</sub>: ppm N-NH<sub>4</sub> is < 5:1
- High salinity increases BER

#### Control

- Remove affected fruit as soon as symptoms are visible
- Choose varieties which are less sensitive to BER
- Reduce stress (temperature, light intensity, salinity, etc.)
- Control RH to < 90 % and maintain good ventilation to ensure transpiration and uptake of Ca
- Calcium based foliar spray may help to reduce BER after periods of humid, cloudy weather
- Well balanced nutrient solution

### Powdery mildew

In the production of sweet peppers Powdery mildew is the most common disease and of vast economic importance. The only effective way to control Powdery mildew is to have a holistic approach in the production of sweet peppers.

Conditions that encourage the growth of Powdery mildew include temperatures of 15.5 - 27°C. Powdery mildew spores can survive at temperatures as low as 4°C, under low light intensity and have the ability to germinate in the absence of water.

Conditions that suppress disease development include water on the plant surface for extended periods of time, day temperatures above 32°C and night temperatures above 18°C, direct sunlight and high pH conditions on the leaf surface.

### Flat fruit

#### Causes

- The occurrence of short-blocky or flat fruit is common for some varieties under high temperature conditions
- Low temperatures can cause flat fruit as fertilisation does not take place when the temperature is too low
- Incidence of short blocky fruit increases with high N-concentration in the nutrient solution

#### Control

- Select varieties suited to the environmental conditions
- Control greenhouse temperature to 18 – 30°C, or produce during a cooler time of year
- Keep the ratio ppm N-NO<sub>3</sub>: ppm N-NH<sub>4</sub> to around 5:1 and limit the N-NH<sub>4</sub> concentration to < 32 ppm

### Variety choice

- Know the market preferences resize, colour, fruit quality, packaging etc.
- Know the climate of the area and the greenhouse (rainfall, temperature, humidity, ventilation and air circulation)
- Know which diseases are prevalent in the area and when they occur most commonly
- Get as much information as possible about each variety
- Each variety has its own requirement regarding ideal climate, trellising method, growth habit and disease resistance. Spread the risk by planting more than one variety.

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