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BABY SPINACH 2006

Cultivar	Source	Marketable Yields (t/ha)	Date of 75% Bolting	Leaf Colour	Leaf Type	Taste	Overall Rating	Comments
7-Green	ABN,PALM	7.9	July 4	G	Semi	3	3	Average yields, tastes like pea pods, mid-season bolting, slow regrowth
Avon	ACS	7.9	July 4	G	Semi	3	3	Average yields, bland, bolts mid-season, slow regrowth
Bloomsdale***	EFG	6.3	July 4	G	Savoy	3.5	3	Poor stand, very mild, variable taste, long petioles - easy to harvest, bolts mid-season, uneven plant growth/maturity
C2606	ACS	2.6	July 4	G	Semi	4	2	Poor stand, thick texture, nice strong spinach flavour, compact plants (flat) - easy to harvest, bolts mid-season
C2608	Os	8.9	June 19	Y-G	Semi	2.5	2.5	Unattractive thin arrow-shaped leaves, bland, difficult to harvest, bolts early
Catalina	Ve	14.7	July 14	G	Smooth	1.5	2.5	Attractive, excellent yields but bitter, bolts late, plants pull out easily - poor roots
Correnta	Ve	15.6	July 14	G	Smooth	3	4.5	Excellent yields, variable flavour (bitter to mild), large leaves on compact plants, bolts late
Cypress***	ST	9.7	July 4	G	Savoy	3	3	Average yields, green taste (like pea pods), mid-season bolting, unattractive pointy long leaves
Green Magic***	Ve	12.6	July 4	G	Savoy	4	4.5	Early, good yields, nice texture, juicy, good intense flavour, mid-season bolting
Hybrid #7***	EFG	10.0	July 4	G	Savoy	3	3.5	Average yields & flavour, oldest leaves are smooth, new leaves are savoy, bolts late
Melody***	ST, Ve	9.6	July 14	G	Semi	3	3	Average yields, bland, bolts late
Polydane	ST	12.4	July 14	G	Smooth	3.5	4	Good yields & flavour, large smooth leaves, compact plants, bolts late
Regal (SPD415)	ACS	5.6	July 4	G	Semi	4.5	3	Excellent flavour, good texture, poor yields, bolts mid-season
Regiment	BJ	9.7	July 14	G	Semi	3	3	Average yields, variable taste, juicy but bland, unattractive pointy leaves, bottom leaves have a leathery texture, bolts late
Renegade	BJ	8.0	July 14	G	Semi	2.5	2.5	Average yields despite poor stand, bitter thick leaves, unattractive, bolts late
Samish	WCS	5.8	July 4	G	Semi	3	2	Bland, bolts early, poor stand
Sardinia	NOR	11.9	July 4	G	Savoy	4	4.0	Early, good taste & yields, upright plants - easy to harvest, bolts early
Skookum***	WCS	7.9	July 14	G	Savoy	4	3	Poor stand, nice texture, large leaves but unattractive, bolts late
Space	NOR	8.5	July 4	G	Semi	3	3	Bland, nice texture, easy to harvest, mid-season bolting
Spalding	Os	7.3	July 14	G	Smooth	3	2.5	Poor stand - uneven germination, dry texture but good flavour, bolts late
Tetona	T+M	7.1	July 14	G	Semi	1.5	2	Poor stand, bitter, bad aftertaste, slight yellow mottling on leaves, bolts late
Tyee***	EFG	10.3	July 14	G	Semi	3.5	4	Good yields, nice flavour & texture but can be bland, large leaves, bolts late
Unipak 12	Os, ST	5.1	July 14	G	Savoy	3	2.5	Poor yields, bolts late
Unipak 151	Os, ST	6.2	July 14	G	Semi	3	2	Variable flavour, dry & slightly bitter, poor yields, bolts late
Average		8.8	July 8			3.1	3.0	

*** = Previously Recommended

Bold = Recommended in 2006

Date Seeded: May 5, 2006

Date of First Harvest: June 8, 2006

Date of Final Harvest: July 14, 2006

Spacing: In row - 5 cm

Between row - 0.5 m

Leaf Type: savoy - crinkled

semi - slightly crinkled

smooth - smooth

Leaf Colour: G - green

Y - yellow

Taste/Overall Rating: 1 - poor

5 - excellent