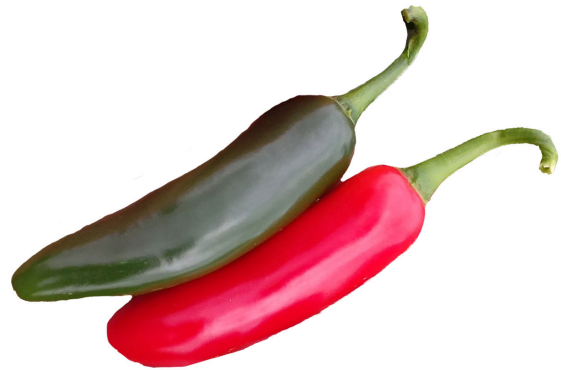


HOT PEPPER CARITAS

A SERRANO TYPE HOT PEPPER HYBRID WITH ATTRACTIVE SHAPE AND SIZE

- Strong upright bush-type plant
- Not prone to fruit cracking
- Large attractive fruits
- Dark green pods with thick fruit walls
- Excellent flavour and taste.



Type:

Hot pepper hybrid in the Serrano type class for the fresh market.

Maturity:

CARITAS is early maturing, approximately 75 - 80 days to first pick after transplanting in summer. The period to first pick may vary considerably between warm and cool season plantings.

Plant Characteristics:

CARITAS is a strong, vigorous, thick stemmed and productive plant that produces over an extended period. Some plant support (stakes) might be necessary.

Fruit Characteristics:

CARITAS have glossy, medium green fruit turning red when fully matured. The fruit pick with the stalk or pedicel attached, and has very thick fruit walls. CARITAS is classed as a Serrano type with medium pungency levels. Fruit size will vary between 10 - 13 cm in length x 18 - 25 mm diameter at the crown. Pods weigh between 20 - 25 grams. Wall thickness will vary between 4 - 6 mm.

Plant Population:

A plant population of 25,000 - 35,000 plants per hectare is optimal. A "tramline" (double-row per bed) system, with a walkway of 1 m between every second row is advisable. Plants should have a 500 mm in-row and 600 mm between-row spacing.

Disease Resistance:

A general good field tolerance to leaf diseases could be expected

Climate Requirements:

Hot peppers are frost susceptible and can be grown under a certain range of climatic conditions. These conditions can vary from moderate, cool climates to hotter, subtropical regions. It is important to note that even distribution of heat units is a key requirement for optimal production.

Features & Benefits:

CARITAS offer the hot pepper grower the opportunity to supply the market with consumer acceptable chilli's of the highest quality. The variety is highly sought after in markets because of its attractive shape, size and colour

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Resistance: is the ability of a plant variety to restrict the growth and development of a specified pest or pathogen and/or the damage they cause when compared to susceptible plant varieties under similar environmental conditions and pest or pathogen pressure. Resistant varieties may exhibit some disease symptoms or damage under heavy pest or pathogen pressure (HR = High resistance, IR = Intermediate resistance).

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