

# GEM SQUASH PINNACLE

## A HYBRID GEM SQUASH WITH A COMPACT GROWTH HABIT

- Compact growth habit (short vines)
- Excellent quality - high marketable yield
- Intermediate resistance to ZYMV and Powdery Mildew
- Dual purpose - suitable for the mature gem market and for prepack baby gems



### Type:

A Gem Squash hybrid.

### Maturity:

Early maturing. Approximately 50 - 60 days to maturity for Baby Gems, and 70 - 80 days for mature fruit.

### Plant Characteristics:

A vigorous and productive plant with very short internodes. This results in shorter runners, enabling higher plant densities per hectare and easier management. PINNACLE should be planted at 20,000 plants/ha in early summer and 15,000 - 18,000 plants/ha in winter. Plants flower over a very concentrated period. Local bee populations are normally insufficient to visit every flower. It is advisable to place 4 bee hives per hectare to realise the full potential of this variety.

### Fruit Characteristics:

An attractive round dark green fruit with good transport and storage ability; PINNACLE retains its dark green fruit colour longer than Rolet when stored. PINNACLE produces excellent quality fruit for prepacking at a baby stage as well as full maturity. The fruit have a small blossom end scar and a sweet taste when harvested as baby gems, the mature fruit have a pleasant nutty flavour.

### Features & Benefits:

Excellent yield and fruit quality combined with the hybrids early maturity and disease resistance reduces risk to the grower.

### Disease Resistance:

IR: ZYMV and PM.

### Yield Potential:

Very high, with the potential to set fruit at every node.

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