# CABBAGE SAPPHIRE

### A NEW LARGE FRAMED HYBRID CABBAGE

- · Large upright frame
- Semi globed shaped heads
- Very Good holdability
- Very Good uniformity
- · High yield potential



### Type

A high yielding hybrid cabbage for the fresh market.

### Maturity

Medium maturing. Approximately 85 - 95 days from transplant to maturity in summer. Maturity will vary by as much as 10 - 20 days between mid-summer to mid-winter plantings. Maturity is very uniform with a high first cut percentage

### **Plant Characteristics**

A large plant with an upright leaf habit that provides excellent head protection. A plant population of 28 000 plants per ha is recommended for single head marketing, and 30,000 - 35,000 plants per ha for bagging.

**Head Characteristics:** SAPPHIRE has very firm semi globe shaped heads with an average head size of between 4 - 5 kg. The colour of SAPPHIRE is grey-green to blue-green. SAPPHIRE has a very high first cut percentage and good standability.

## **Variety Characteristics**

**Fertilization Guidelines:** This is a general guide, grower conditions vary and a soil analysis is highly recommended:

N: 150 to 200kg/ha. 70 to 90 kg/ha incorporated preplant.

Top dress the balance as follows:

Summer: 7,14 and 28 days after transplanting (no later).

Winter: 14,28 and 45 days from transplant (no later).

P: 50 kg/ha incorporated preplant. K: 120 kg/ha incorporate preplant. Soil pH: 6 - 6,8.

# Features & Benefits

Very high yields can be achieved with this variety. Actual yield will vary according to plant population. SAPPHIRE also has good heat tolerance.

**Disease Resistance:** Field observation indicates a good resistance to black rot.

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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).