



**STARKE
AYRES®**

BLACK KING EGGPLANT



HYBRID EGGPLANT WITH EXCELLENT COLOUR AND TASTE

- Very early maturing
- Excellent canopy to protect fruit against sunburn
- Good fruit setting under hot conditions
- Very uniform dark purple fruit
- Provide stability and adaptability

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Type	Hybrid eggplant suited to open field or greenhouse production for the fresh market
Maturity	BLACK KING is early maturing, approximately 70-80 days to first pick after transplanting in summer. The period to first pick can vary considerably between warm and cool season plantings.
Plant Characteristics	BLACK KING is a large, vigorous, productive plant with pale leaves protecting fruit against sunburn. Plant height varies between 100 -140 cm.
Fruit Characteristics	BLACK KING has very high quality uniform smooth and glossy, dark purple coloured fruit. BLACK KING has large oval shaped fruit with an average mass of 500-600g. Fruit firmness is excellent.
Plant Population	A plant population of 18 - 25 000 per hectare is recommended. Between row spacing of 0.9 – 1,5m and an in row spacing of 45-90cm's would be adequate. For greenhouse production plants might need trellising.
Growing Guidelines	Eggplants prefer well drained loam to sandy loam soils, but perform well in different soil types. Soil PH: (H2O) - 5,5 - 6,8. The following program can be used as a nutrient guideline: (please note that a soil analysis should be taken into account) Total Requirement kg/ha: (pure element) N - 130 - 140kg/ha (45% applied at pre plant and the difference in 2-3 top dressings) P - 60 - 95kg/ha (all pre plant) K - 60 - 80kg/ha (all pre plant)
Climate Requirements	Eggplants are sensitive to frost, and require a long, warm to hot growing season for best results. Optimum growth and production is obtained with mean daily temperatures between 21°C and 29°C. At temperatures above 35°C, flowers may be shed. Growth, yield and fruit quality tend to decrease at mean temperatures below 18°C. When eggplants are grown in winter and early spring in frost-free areas, a dark discolouration of the flesh may occur and the skin colour may not develop well.
Features and Benefits	BLACK KING has good field tolerance to high temperatures and has a market acceptable size and colour.

* Submitted for registration on the national variety list.

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