



**STARKE
AYRES®**

DIVA
SWEET PEPPER



**A HYBRID SWEET PEPPER WITH TMV AND TSWV
RESISTANCE ON A VERY VIGOROUS PLANT**

- Can be harvested at green or yellow stage.
- Uniform blocky fruit, with excellent quality.
- Ability to set fruit under difficult conditions.
- Keeps shape and size throughout its growing cycle.

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Type	A hybrid sweet pepper turning from dark green to bright yellow on maturity. Suitable for open field production and cultivation under protection.
Maturity	Approximately 75 - 80 days to first pick in summer plantings. The period to first pick can vary considerably depending on the season.
Plant Characteristics	DIVA has a medium size plant with good leaf cover preventing sun damage to the fruit. The hybrid should be trellised to 2 wires to ensure optimal yield and fruit quality.
Fruit Characteristics	DIVA has an average fruit mass of between 180 - 200grams. Fruit shape is large blocky, on average 10 cm long and 10 cm wide. Quality of the bull-nosed fruit (4 lobes) is very good, with a very smooth and glossy skin. DIVA has thick walls with excellent shelf life even when picked at a bright yellow colour. DIVA has the ability to set fruit under hot conditions. DIVA has a very high pack out percentage.
Plant Population	Open Field: The plant height will vary between 80 - 120 cm. A tramline support system of 1 - 2 wires is essential to ensure a higher percentage marketable fruit especially if plants are carrying a heavy fruit load. Plant population should be around 20-30 000 plants per hectare. Tunnel Production: Removal of the first flower will improve the plant growth, yield and quality of the fruit. A plant density of 2 plants per square meter is optimal. They should be pruned to 2-3 stems per plant.
Disease Resistance	Highly resistant - Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV strain 0-2) Intermediate resistance - Tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV)
Climate Requirements	Sweet 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 and Benefits	DIVA provides the grower with the combination of adaptability for open field production with fruit quality comparable to that of greenhouse types.

* Submitted for registration on the national variety list.

INDEMNITY

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