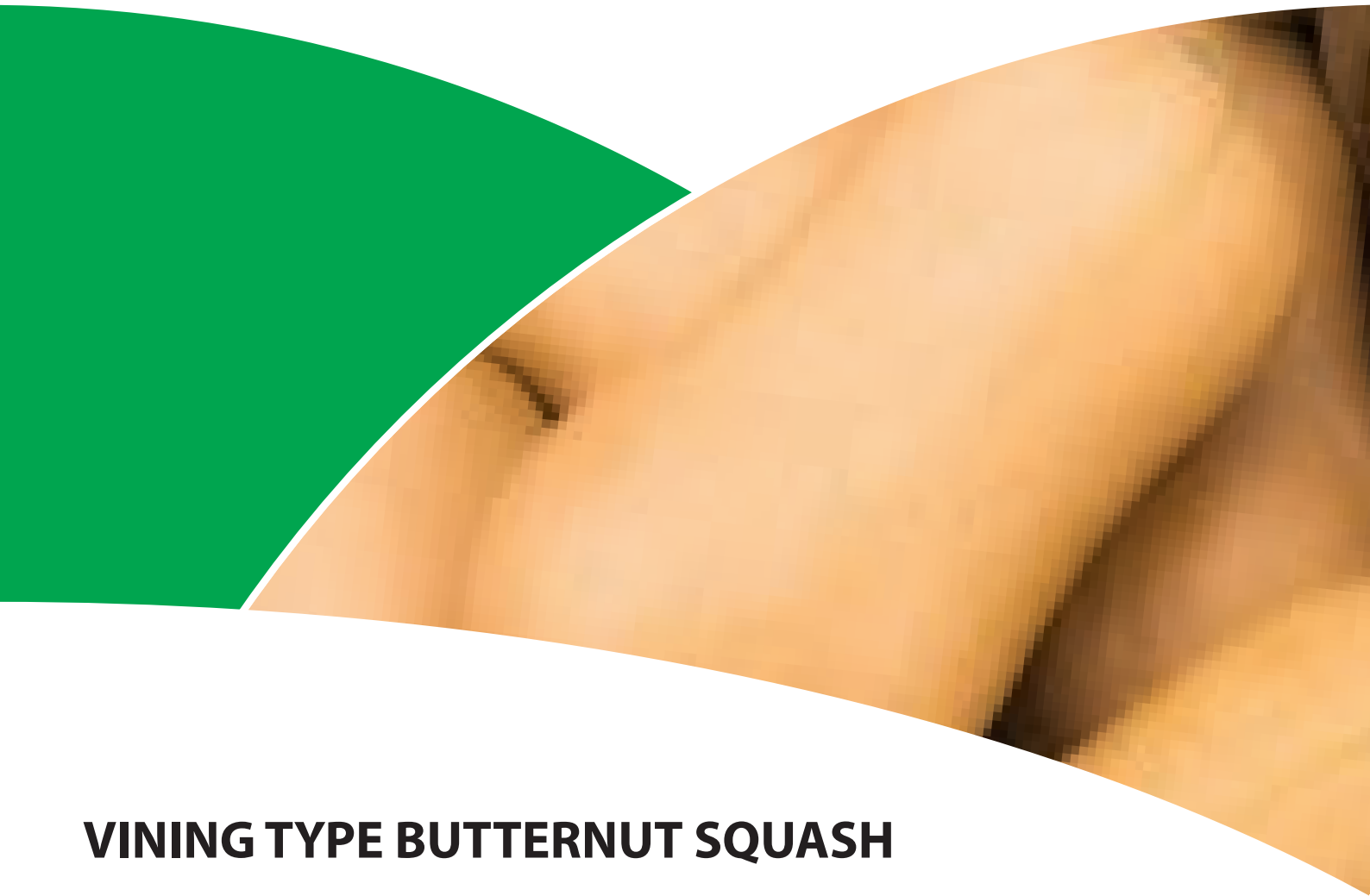




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**BUTTERNUT SQUASH**



**VINING TYPE BUTTERNUT SQUASH**

- Medium sized fruit with a thick neck
- Early – maturing
- Above average yield
- Even, tan external colour
- Good flesh colour and quality

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Type	Vining type butternut squash hybrid.														
Maturity	Early.														
Plant Characteristics	A vigorous vine giving good cover to the fruit.														
Fruit Characteristics	The medium sized fruit have a longer and thicker neck than the typical Waltham. Seed cavity and blossom end scar are average for fruit size. Externally fruit is an even tan colour and may show a green stripe. Flesh quality and colour are both good.														
Diseases Resistance	None claimed.														
Yield results	<p>These results are from trials conducted over 2 years at Kaalfontein.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Variety</th> <th>Variety Yield/Plant (kg) 2009 Summer</th> <th>Variety Yield/Plant (kg) 2010 Summer</th> <th>Average fruit weight (kg)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Waltham</td> <td>4.5</td> <td>3.4</td> <td>1.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gilda</td> <td>5</td> <td>4.5</td> <td>1.88</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In both cases yield per plant is higher for Gilda and average fruit weight is greater. The greater fruit weight can be ascribed to the thicker neck of Gilda.</p>			Variety	Variety Yield/Plant (kg) 2009 Summer	Variety Yield/Plant (kg) 2010 Summer	Average fruit weight (kg)	Waltham	4.5	3.4	1.21	Gilda	5	4.5	1.88
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