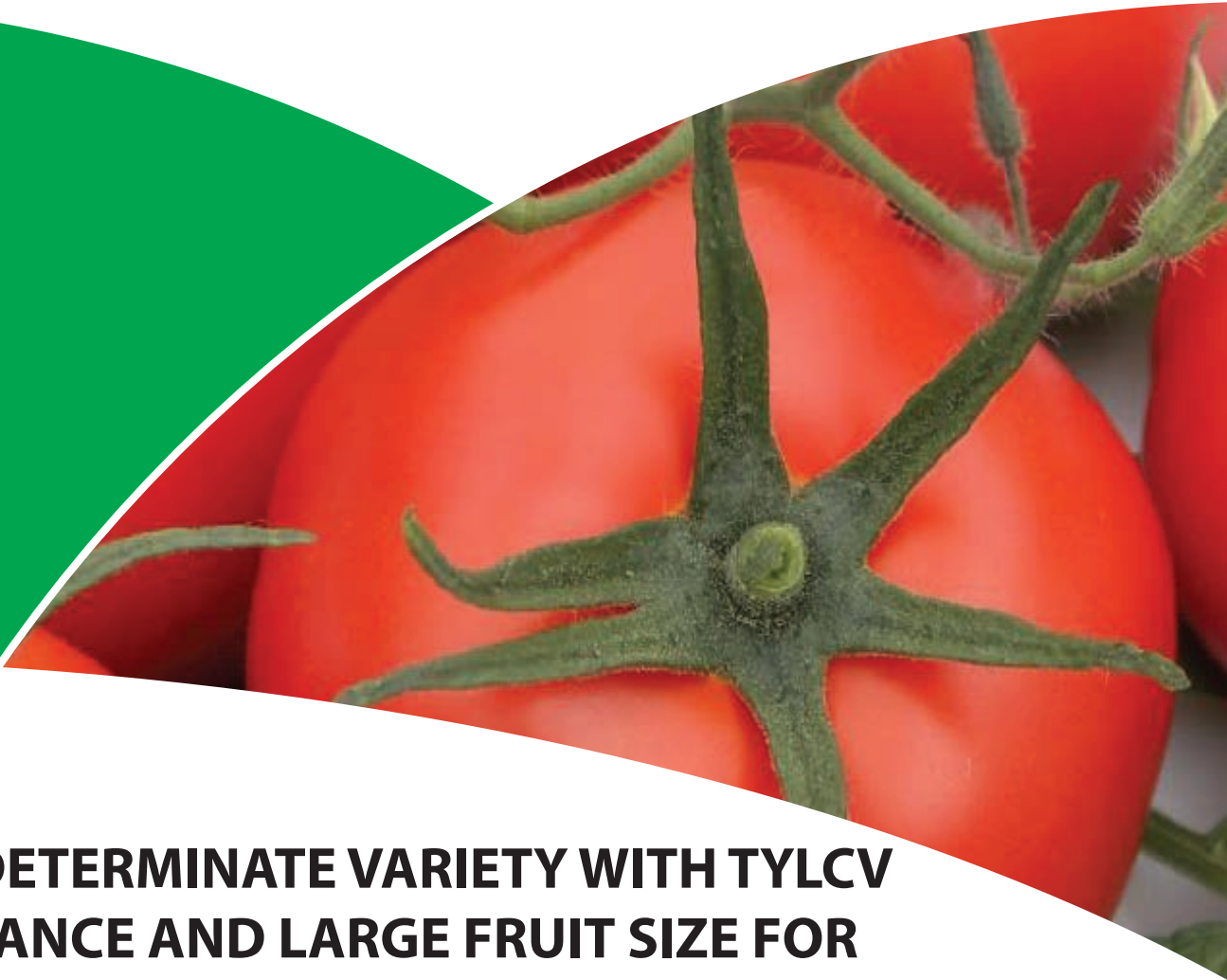




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**MERYVA  
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**AN INDETERMINATE VARIETY WITH TYLCV  
RESISTANCE AND LARGE FRUIT SIZE FOR  
SUMMER PRODUCTION**

- Strong plants protect fruit against sunburn
- Large leaves, thick stems
- Very high yield potential
- Ability to keep its size to the top
- Well balanced, longevity

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# \*MERYVA TOMATO

Type	Indeterminate long shelf life tomato hybrid for the fresh market.
Maturity	Medium maturing variety. In Summer plantings the first fruit will mature in 80 - 85 days after transplanting. The date of harvesting may vary by as much as 10 days between early and late season plantings. This needs to be taken into consideration when planning planting schedules under different growing conditions.
Plant Characteristics	MERYVA is a strong, vigorous, thick stemmed and productive plant with large potato type leaves. This type of plant habit helps the variety to handle stress related periods better than the standards. It also helps protect fruit against sunburn.
Fruit Characteristics	MERYVA has very high quality, deep oblate fruit with an average mass of 150-170g. MERYVA is a jointed variety with no green shoulders present and combines large fruit size with long shelf life and thick fruit walls. The fruit are very uniform and a high percentage of first grade could be expected.
Plant Population	<p>MERYVA is adaptable to open field or greenhouse production as a trellised type. Although highly recommended to be pruned, the variety could be grown un pruned. For optimal results, plants should be pruned to between 1-3 stems in open field production. Pruning will lead to earlier setting and better fruit uniformity. Attention should be given as not to prune too severely during summer as foliage might be reduced leading to possible sun burn damage.</p> <p>Open Field: planting density should be 12 - 18 000 plants per hectare. The row spacing should not be less than 35cm between plants.</p> <p>Under protection: the plants could either be trained to a single stem on a supporting string and then layered down, or pruned to two stems and stopped at the desired height. The planting density should be 2-3 plants / stems per m<sup>2</sup>.</p>
Disease Resistance	HR – Verticillium Wilt (Va), Fusarium Wilt (Fol 1, 2), Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV), IR – Root-knot Nematodes (Ma, Mi, Mj), Tomato Yellow Leaf Curl Virus (TYLCV)
Climate Requirements	<p>The earliest period for seedling establishment would be when the soil and air temperatures at least meet the minimum requirements for plant growth.</p> <p>The latest seedling establishment period would be after allowance has been made for the growth and harvest periods to be completed before adverse conditions sets in.</p> <p>Establishment periods for main production areas in the southern hemisphere:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Lowveld / Subtropical (frost free areas) – Feb to May</li><li>2. Middleveld (moderate areas) – Sept to Dec</li><li>3. Highveld (cold areas) – Oct to Nov</li><li>4. Western Cape – Oct to Dec</li></ol>
Features and Benefits	MERYVA, has a very high yield potential and constantly achieved yields of over 6 kg's per plant in trials conducted during the summer. The variety stood out as the plant with the best leaf structure and longevity. It showed large leaves, thick stems with vigour and balance. The variety had very high quality fruit with the ability to set size to the top of the plant. MERYVA has the potential to accelerate even further in its last harvest cycles, to out yield any standard to the end.

\* Submitted for registration on the national variety list.

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