



**STARKE
AYRES®**

STAR 6653
SWEET PEPPER



**A HYBRID SWEET PEPPER WITH LARGE BLOCKY FRUIT
AND A VIGOROUS GROWTH HABIT**

- Consistently high yields
- Strong plants - Full canopy
- Very large, high quality fruit
- Excellent disease resistance

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Type	A hybrid sweet pepper with fruit turning from dark green to deep red on maturity. For open field production and cultivation under protection.
Maturity	STAR 6653 is medium maturing. 75 - 80 days to first pick in summer. The period to first pick can vary considerably between warm and cool season plantings.
Plant Characteristics	STAR 6653 have an, upright, vigorous growth habit. The leaf cover on the plant is very good, thus limiting sunburn of the fruit. The plant height will vary between 80 - 120 cm.
Fruit Characteristics	STAR 6653 have an average fruit mass of between 190 - 220 grams. Fruit have a large blocky shape and are on average 11 cm long and 10 cm wide. Quality of the bull-nosed fruit (4 lobes) is very good, with a very smooth and glossy skin. Thick walls ensure that STAR 6653 fruit have an excellent shelf life even when picked red. STAR 6653 have the ability to set fruit under cool conditions.
Plant Population	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Disease Resistance	<p>Highly resistant - Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV strain 0)</p> <p>Intermediate resistance - Potato Virus Y (Strain 0, 1)</p> <p>- Bacterial Leaf Spot (Strain 1, 2, 3)</p>
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	Over the years STAR 6653 provided the sweet pepper grower with stability by producing very high quality fruit that had stood the test of time.

INDEMNITY

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