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STAR 9068 TOMATO



A DETERMINATE BLOCKY TYPE TOMATO WITH AN EXTENDED BEARING PERIOD

- Semi- Determinate growth
- Extended bearing period
- Acceptable shape and size
- Idealy for the informal market

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Type	A semi determinate processing tomato hybrid with an extended set suited to open-field production for the informal market as a trellised or un trellised type.
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	Vigorous with exceptional leaf cover on a highly disease tolerant plant with a semi- determinate growth habit. Plants should be trellised to 3 – 5 wires. Also suitable for growing without trellising in certain areas. The plant population should range between 15 - 21 000 plants per hectare. The in-row spacing should not be less than 30cm between plants.
Fruit Characteristics	STAR 9068 has a very high quality blocky/ cylindrical fruit with an average mass of 100 - 130 g. Fruit quality is exceptional with a deep red colour, thick walls, good flavour and no green shoulders clean shoulders. STAR 9068 have a very high marketable yield potential; a high percentage of large first grades can be expected.
Plant Population	STAR 9068 were selected as a un trellised type, but can also be grown trellised with 1-3 wires at lower populations. Plant population for the informal market can range from 15-20 000 plants per hectare. For processing markets, the population should range between 20 – 35 000 plants per hectare. The in-row spacing should not be less than 35cm.
Disease Resistance	HR – Verticillium Wilt (<i>Va,Vd</i>), Fusarium Wilt (<i>Fol 2</i>), Tobacco Mosaic Virus (<i>TMV</i>). IR – Root-knot Nematodes (<i>Ma, Mi,Mj</i>), Bacterial Wilt (<i>Rs</i>), Tomato Yellow Leaf Curl Virus (<i>TYLCV</i>), (<i>Ty-2</i>).
Climate Requirements	The earliest period for seedling establishment would be when the soil and air temperatures at least meet the minimum requirements for plant growth. 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. Establishment periods for main production areas in the southern hemisphere: 1. Lowveld / Subtropical (frost free areas) – Feb to May 2. Middleveld (moderate areas) – Sept to Dec 3. Highveld (cold areas) – Oct to Nov 4. Western Cape – Oct to Dec
Features and Benefits	STAR 9068 provide the grower with the ability to produce blocky type fruit for the informal or processing market over an extended harvesting period to reduce risks and fluctuating market prices.

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