Levante.

An early maincrop high yielding ware variety with a nice yellow skin and late blight resistance in foliage and tuber.

- ✓ High tuberisation
- ✓ Good skin finish
- ✓ Good storability



General characteristics

Breeder: Agrico Research B.V.

• Breeders right: 31-12-2048

© Crossing: AR 01-3218 x ALMERA

Seedling: AR 07-3009

Market segment

- Traditional
- Retail | Fresh
- Organic cultivation







Plant and tuber characteristics

Maturity	early maincrop / 5,5
Flower colour	white
Number of berries	quite few / 5,5
Foliage: - initial development	quite fast / 7
Foliage: - final development	firm / 8
Foliage: - selectability	average / 6
Foliage: - plant firmness	quite firm / 7

Flesh colour	light yellow / 6
Skin colour	yellow
Skin finish	good / 7
Tuber size	quite large / 7
Tuber shape	long oval
Regularity of tuber shape	quite regular / 6,5
Tuberisation	high / 8
Regularity size	regular / 7

Sensitivity and quality

Dormancy	quite long / 6,5
Metribuzin	minimum sensitive/7
Bentazon	minimum sensitive/7
Ethylene	5% fewer tubers / 4

Secondgrowth	minimum sensitive/7
Growth cracks	minimum sensitive/7
Black spot (internal bruising)	quite sensitive / 6,5
Harvest damage	quite sensitive / 6

Underwater weight	365
Dry matter content	19,9%
Dry matter distribution	not tested / -
TGA - level	4,73

Crisp quality	insufficient / 4,5
Friesquality	moderate / 5,5
Cooking type	rather floury / B
Raw discolouration	sensitive / 5,5
After-cooking darkening	minimum sensitive/7



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Resistances

Golden nematode Ro 1/4 resistant / 9
Golden nematode Ro 2/3 not marked / White nematode Pa 2 not marked / White nematode Pa 3 not marked / -

Late blight-foliage minimum to not susceptible/ 8,5 Late blight-tuber minimum susceptible/ 7,5

Common scab susceptible / 5
Powdery scab minimum susceptible / 6,5
Fusarium minimum susceptible / 6
Erwinia not tested / Black dot minimum susceptible / 7,5
Spraing very susceptible / 4,5

Virus - Leaf Roll not tested / Virus - A not tested / Virus - X not tested / Virus - Yn minimum susceptible / 6
Virus - Yntn (tuber) minimum to not susceptible / 8,5

Wart disease F1 not marked / Wart disease F6 not marked / wart disease F18 not marked / -

Say growth, sayAgrico.

Fertilization¹

Nitrogen: standard advice Phosphate: standard advice Potassium: standard advice

¹ Level of fertilization is based on soil analysis.

Seed treatment

Desprouting more than once can have a negative impact on yield and size regularity.

Can be planted directly out of the cold store.

Planting distance

28/35: 22 cm (60500 plants/ha) 35/55: 27 cm (49500 plants/ha)

Weeds

Use of metribuzin (Sencor)doesn't give problems. Levante gives enough foliage to cover the ridges.

Fungicides

Levante has a good late blight resistance in foliage, if necassarygive a preventative spraying in a mature crop. Attention for the susceptibility of late blight in the tuber.

Harvest

Wait at least two weeks after haulm killing before harvesting, as Levante is quite sensitive for harvast damage and black spot

Storage

Levante has an average dormancy and is suitable for medium to long storage at 4°C.

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