



Seminis® Onion Walk Through — 2021 —

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Brown Onions

CURRAWONG

Currawong is an early to extra early season hybrid, with great adaptability. It is a globe shaped onion with good uniformity and bolting tolerance. It has Intermediate Resistance to Pink root and Fusarium basal rot.

Colour:	Brown
Season	Extra early to early

NOTES:

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KORIMAKO

Korimako has a consistent globe shape and an impressive golden brown colour. This hybrid has high yield potential and is ideal for growers who want an onion with a wide planting window.

Colour:	Brown
Season	Early

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CASSOWARIE

Cassowarie was developed specifically for NZ and Tasmanian growers who prefer to sow in the later planting window. The hybrid stores well and has a good pack-out rate that saves time and money.

Colour:	Brown
Season	Late

NOTES:

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SVNH3211



Showing potential for Tasmania in the First early slot, this variety may offer growers an earlier hybrid that comes down in early December, for harvest before Christmas.

Colour:	Cream Gold – Yellow
Season	First early

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RANGURU

This hybrid was developed with storage in mind. Ranguru's hardiness and long storage qualities mean it holds up well to packing and transportation. The hybrid has high yield potential and good quality attributes, and Intermediate Resistance to Pink root.

Colour:	Brown
Season	Main

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SHRIKE

Shrike has an appealing brown colour and consistent globe shape. It is a vigorous main-to-late variety with high bolting tolerance. Shrike stores and packs well, making it ideal for growers who are looking to save money.

Colour:	Brown
Season	Late

NOTES:

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SVNH3217



Likely to suit the Early or Main sowing window, this variety seems to tick all the boxes for Tasmanian grower however more trials to assess local performance are underway.

Colour:	Dark Brown
Season	Undergoing trial

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SVNH3205



A good contender in the main slot, SVNH3205 has potential for Tasmanian growers. More trials to assess local performance are underway.

Colour:	Cream Gold – Yellow
Season	Main

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SVNH3078

**NEW
TO TRIAL**

Medium globe-shaped onion, with long storage potential.

Colour:	Cream Gold – Yellow
Season	Undergoing trial

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SVNH1958

**NEW
TO TRIAL**

SVNH1958 is a uniform variety with medium to dark coloured bulbs. It offers great firmness and storability.

Colour:	Brown
Season	Undergoing trial

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SVNH3072

**NEW
TO TRIAL**

This variety is still undergoing trial.

Colour:	Undergoing trial
Season	Undergoing trial

NOTES:
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MINISTER

**NEW
TO TRIAL**

Jumbo onion from our North America pipeline. Minister has a uniform globe shape and bronze colour.

Colour:	Bronze
Season	Undergoing trial

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SVNH3255

**NEW
TO TRIAL**

Medium globe-shaped onion, with long storage potential. It has shown good colour and promise for later plantings.

Colour:	Brown
Season	Undergoing trial

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SVNH3220

**NEW
TO TRIAL**

This variety is still undergoing trial.

Colour:	Brown
Season	Undergoing trial

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TUCANNON

**NEW
TO TRIAL**

Another variety from our North America pipeline, Tucannon has shown it performs well in long storage and in hot seasons. It is still undergoing trial in Tasmania.

Colour:	Brown
Season	Undergoing trial

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POCONO

**NEW
TO TRIAL**

Another variety from our North America pipeline, Pocono is still undergoing trial in Tasmania.

Colour:	Brown
Season	Undergoing trial

NOTES:
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Brown Onions

Red Onions

MONTCLAIR

NEW TO TRIAL

Another variety from our North America pipeline, Montclair is still undergoing trial in Tasmania.

Colour:	Dark Brown
Season	Undergoing trial

NOTES:

SVNH3247

NEW TO TRIAL

This variety is still undergoing trial.

Colour:	Undergoing trial
Season	Undergoing trial

NOTES:

SV7030NS

SV7030NS is a supermarket favourite thanks to its attractive red shiny skin and globe shape. It is a red onion that grows uniformly and delivers on quality. This hybrid variety has good pack-out attributes and a high percentage of single centres.

Colour:	Red
Season	Early

NOTES:

SVNE7138

NEW TO TRIAL

Potential to another exciting addition, this variety has shown it stores well, which is a desirable feature. It is still undergoing trials.

Colour:	Red
Season	Main

NOTES:

SVNH3246

NEW TO TRIAL

This variety is still undergoing trial.

Colour:	Undergoing trial
Season	Undergoing trial

NOTES:

SVNH3221

NEW TO TRIAL

This variety is still undergoing trial.

Colour:	Undergoing trial
Season	Undergoing trial

NOTES:

SVNE7136

NEW TO TRIAL

Potential to another exciting addition, this variety has shown it stores well, which is a desirable feature. It is still undergoing trials.

Colour:	Red
Season	Main

NOTES:

Breeder Profile

Franco Asoro Ph. D.

Academic Background: Ph.D. in Plant Breeding from Iowa State University, United States.

Country of Origin: Franco grew up in the Philippines and is now lives in the US.



Franco provides 10 years of experience in breeding crops for Bayer CropScience. He embarked on a breeding journey that's taken him and his varieties all over the globe. Franco is one of the world's foremost experts working to develop hybrid midday onions that adapt to many growing conditions around the world.

Franco's emphasis as a breeder has always focused on creating high quality onions that have high yield potential, resist diseases, have increased storage capability, and are easy to harvest mechanically. Partnering with talented multidisciplinary teams, Franco works tirelessly to achieve the goals he sets out for. He uses global onion germplasm and modern plant breeding technologies to develop varieties suited for local geographies. Most importantly, he works with a lot of people, including local and global colleagues, seed dealers and growers to develop new onion varieties.

For the ANZ region, Franco works closely with the local Research and Development team in New Zealand to make sure that the Seminis onion pipeline is adapted to the needs of Australian and New Zealand growers.

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