



Brassica Brochure UK, Ireland & Nordics 2026/2027

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Cauliflower



CAULIFLOWER RANGE						
Variety	Days to Harvest (Approximate)			Cover (1=v. open; 10 = covered)	Product Type	
	Early V/VI	Main VII/VIII	Late IX/X		Fresh Market	Processing
Momentum	70-80			2	+++	-
Abeni	75-85			5	+++	-
SV5777AC	80-90			6	+++	+
Freedom	85-95	68-75		4	+++	+
Ivex 	90-100	70-75		3	+++	+
Whitex 	95-105	72-77		5	+++	++
Fortaleza	100-110	75-80	80-90	7	+++	+++
Cardex 	100-110	75-80	80-90	7	+++	+++
Giewont		85-95	90-100	8	+++	+++
Gieflor			95-105	8	+++	+++
Subasio			105-120	9	+++	+++
Aquata			110-120	7	+++	+++
SV5965AC			120-130	9	+++	+++
SV5982AC			130-140	10	+++	+++
Sassolungo			135-145	9	+++	+++
SV5697AC			200-240	8	+++	+++
Carantic			220-250	9	+++	+++

Cauliflower Overview

Calendar UK & Ireland

VARIETY	SEGMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Momentum	1st Early			■		■					■		
Abeni	2nd Early		■				■				■		
SV5777AC	2nd Early	■	■				■				■		
Freedom	Main	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Ivex	Main	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Whitex	Main	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Cardex	Main	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Fortaleza	Main	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Giewont	Main- Early Autumn		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Gieflor	Main- Early Autumn					■	■	■			■	■	■
Subasio	Main- Early Autumn					■	■	■			■	■	■
Aquata	Early Autumn						■	■			■	■	■
SV5965AC	Early Autumn						■	■			■	■	■
SV5982AC	Late Autumn						■	■				■	■
Sassolungo	Late Autumn						■	■				■	■
SV5697AC	Winter	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
Carantic	Winter		■	■	■	■	■	■					

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Calendar Nordics

VARIETY	SEGMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Momentum	1st Early												
Abeni	2nd Early												
SV5777AC	2nd Early												
Minuteman (Arizona)	Main												
Freedom	Main												
Ivex	Main												
Whitex	Main												
Cardex	Main												
Fortaleza	Main												
Giewont	Early Autumn												

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Momentum

First early cauliflower giving early entry to the new season market

- // One of the earliest maturing hybrid varieties on the market
- // Best suited to larger cell/pot sizes and plastic covered production
- // Concentrated maturity for quicker harvest
- // Easy to see, cut and bag



Abeni

Second early cauliflower with solid, white curds

- // Vigorous plant with upright foliage
- // Suitable for covered and uncovered production



SV5777AC

Vigorous variety bridging the gap between Abeni and Freedom

- // Upright plant habit allowing for quick and efficient harvest
- // Uniform maturity
- // Solid, bright curd with excellent presentation
- // Provides an excellent link between early and main season varieties



Freedom

Summer cauliflower with excellent vernalisation in hotter weather

- // Consistent grow days giving reliable harvest planning
- // Reliable curd production in hot weather
- // Vigorous variety especially suited to early summer production



Ivex

Ivex is a new Curdivex variety particularly suited to October sowings



- // Good vernalisation in hot conditions
- // Improved colour compared to Freedom
- // Easy to see and harvest
- // Easy to bag

*Subject to approval in the UK



Whitex

First of our new bright, white and easy to harvest Curdivex range



- // Vigorous, upright plant habit with bright, white curd
- // Easy to harvest due to the curd being more visible
- // Improved field holding compared to other varieties with similar maturity
- // Excellent shelf life with the curd staying whiter for longer



Cardex

Is a new Curdivex variety which matures at a similar timing to Fortaleza



- // Vigorous and upright plant habit
- // Bright white curd colour
- // Tight inner plant jacket
- // Good harvest uniformity and solid and dense curds



Fortaleza

High quality face-pack cauliflower

- // Upright plant producing solid, smooth curds
- // Dense and solid florets meaning Fortaleza is suitable for both fresh and processing markets
- // Uniform maturity for more efficient harvest



Giewont

Popular variety for use in processing markets across North West Europe

- // Solid, dense curds giving high yields of quality florets for the processing industry
- // Vigorous variety performing particularly well for September and October harvests



Gieflor

New processing variety maturing approximately 5-7 days later than Giewont

- // Vigorous, healthy, upright plant habit
- // Solid, heavy curds
- // High yield of excellent quality florets
- // Suitable for fresh market and processing



Subasio

Early Autumn variety with good harvest uniformity

- // Vigorous, upright plant habit
- // Matures between Gieflor and SV5965AC
- // Excellent plant health and field holding
- // Solid, dense curd with good colour
- // Well wrapped curd with tight inner jacket
- // Uniform maturity



Aquata

A consistent maturity cycle gives reliability of harvesting schedules even under stressful growing conditions or on poorer soils

- // Good performance under stress conditions
- // Smaller floret size suitable for both freezing and fresh market production
- // High yield potential
- // Quick and easy to cut and bag



SV5965AC

Extremely vigorous plant with excellent curd cover

- // Large frame protects a solid, white curd
- // Can be used for fresh market size 6 or 8 cauliflowers
- // Suitable for fresh market or processing



SV5982AC

Late Autumn variety maturing in 130-140 days

- // Tall frame with leaves tightly wrapped to the curd making it very easy to bag
- // Fluted leaf wrap provides additional protection to the curd
- // Gives good continuity of harvest when programmed with SV5965AC and Sassolungo



Sassolungo

Late autumn variety for harvest in late November and early December

- // Well wrapped cauliflower producing medium to large sized curds
- // Uniform harvest of excellent quality cauliflowers
- // Well proven in Italy and the UK



SV5697AC

Vigorous variety with excellent frost tolerance

- // Suitable for January (Cornwall) and February (Lincolnshire) harvest
- // Light green, deep veined, waxy leaf which gives excellent protection against frost
- // Very healthy foliage
- // Well wrapped curd giving extra protection at a critical time of year
- // Best suited for lower density production



Carantic

A vigorous plant with large leaves which have good frost tolerance

- // Suitable for February (Cornwall) and March (Lincolnshire) harvest
- // Vigorous plant, large leaves with good frost tolerance
- // High quality, smooth curd with excellent coverage
- // High percentage cut at a difficult time of year
- // Consistent performer in internal and external trials
- // Gives reliable production of winter cauliflower

Broccoli



BROCCOLI RANGE

Variety	Days to Harvest (Approximate)			Ease of Harvest (1 = v. easy; 10 = difficult)	Product Type	
	Early V/VI	Main VII/VIII	Late IX/X		Fresh Market	Processing
Spinnaker**	90-100	70-80	85-95	2	+++	++
Ironman	90-100	70-80	85-95	4	+++	++
Titanium**	90-100	70-80	85-95	3	+++	+++
Shard**	90-100	70-80	85-95	3	+++	+++
SV1002BL	95-105	75-85	90-105	5	+++	++
Crucible	90-100	75-85	-	7	+++	++
Taipei**	-	77-87	92-107	3	+++	+++
Andersia**	-	80-90	95-110	3	+++	+++
Steel	95-105	80-90	95-110	6	+++	++
Pennybridge	83-93	57-72	72-82	Bellaverde Type	+++	+
Sibsey	85-95	60-75	75-85	Bellaverde Type	+++	+
Skytree	85-95	60-75	85-85	1	+	+++

**For use early/main season only in cooler growing areas

Broccoli Overview

Calendar UK & Ireland

VARIETY	SEGMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Spinnaker*	Main												
Ironman	Main												
Titanium*	Main												
Shard	Main												
SV1002BL*	Main												
Crucible	Main												
Taipei	Main												
Andersia	Main												
Steel	Main												
Pennybridge	Main - Stem												
Sibsey	Main - Stem												
Skytree	Main - Floret												

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* For best use of these varieties in the summer months in your area please contact your local Seminis Sales Specialist.

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VARIETY	SEGMENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SV3277BL (Legacy)	Main												
Spinnaker*	Main												
Ironman	Main												
Titanium*	Main												
Shard	Main												
SV1002BL*	Main												
Crucible	Main												
Taipei	Main												
Andersia	Main												
Steel	Main												
Pennybridge	Main - Stem												
Sibsey	Main - Stem												
Skytree	Main - Stem												

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SV3277BL (Legacy)

Main season broccoli variety grown in the Nordics & Poland

- // Heavy, dark green heads with a fine bead
- // High yield potential suitable for both fresh market and processing



Ironman

Our number 1 selling broccoli variety for over 15 years in North West Europe

- // Excellent quality domed heads with a fine to medium bead
- // Reliable and consistent supply throughout the growing season
- // Easy to harvest heads which are suitable for normal and mini production



Spinnaker

New High Rise® variety suitable for early summer and autumn production



- // Uniform to mature with potential for machine harvest
- // Increased head weights and higher percentage of marketable heads compared to Ironman
- // Improved disease tolerance to Systemic Downy Mildew compared to Ironman
- // Improved field holding and hollow stem tolerance compared to Ironman



Titanium

Higher head weight, longer lasting



- // Heavy, dense heads with improved field holding and shelf life
- // Easier and more efficient to harvest compared to Ironman
- // Best suited for early summer and autumn production



Shard

Matures at similar timing to Ironman for use for autumn production



- // Vigorous cool season variety best suited to autumn production
- // Excellent head weights and good field holding compared to Ironman
- // Dark green, fine beaded, firm head
- // Uniform maturity which could increase harvest efficiency



SV1002BL

Improved plant health, enhanced crop performance

- // Provides resilience in tough growing conditions due to its excellent disease tolerance
- // Medium bead variety producing heavy, dense and firm crowns
- // Increased harvest uniformity
- // Improved tolerance to diseases such as White Blister and Systemic Downy Mildew compared to Ironman
- // Gives excellent continuity of supply when grown with Ironman and Steel



Crucible

Summer variety with improved heat tolerance, head quality and yield potential compared to our current summer portfolio

- // Matures between Ironman and SV1002BL
- // Good heat tolerance and improved field holding
- // Dense firm heads with fine to medium bead size
- // Improved hollow stem tolerance compared to Ironman
- // Less hollow stem compared to Ironman



Taipei

Autumn variety suitable for both fresh market and processing with ability to machine harvest



- // Matures approximately 2-3 days earlier than Andersia
- // Strong plant vigour
- // Suitable for processing industry and has machine harvest potential
- // Small floret size with excellent quality and uniform beads
- // Good tolerance to temperature fluctuations
- // Excellent quality florets and easy to harvest



Andersia

High Rise® variety with excellent uniformity and head weights



- // Easy to harvest variety with less leaves to remove than commercial standards
- // Heavy head with fine bead and excellent green colour
- // Excellent field holding and shelf life
- // Potential to be machine harvested



Steel

High quality broccoli with a domed head with fine bead size

- // Excellent quality heavy heads with good tolerance to hollow stem, spear rot and Systemic Downy Mildew especially in September and October
- // Gives good continuity of supply when grown with Ironman/Titanium and SV1002BL



Pennybridge

Sweet and tender multi harvest stem broccoli giving excellent taste and quality

- // Main head appears in approximately 50-60 days post planting – pinch out at thumbnail size
- // Multi-harvest variety with side shoots ready approximately 7-10 days after main head is removed
- // Can harvest stems approximately 3 days sooner than with Sibsey
- // Less leaves to remove on the stem compared to Sibsey
- // Dark green tender stem



Sibsey

Stem broccoli that is prized for its small compact heads which have a tender and sweet stem

- // Main head appears in approximately 53-63 days post planting – pinch out at thumbnail size
- // Dark green stem with fine beaded mini broccoli head
- // Easy to harvest stem

Cabbage Overview

Calendar UK & Ireland

VARIETY	SEGMENT	GROW DAYS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Winter Special	Sum/Aut/Win	-												
Winter Supreme Plus	Sum/Aut/Win	-												
Rinda	White	90-100												
Legenta	White	90-100												
SV3404JL	White	140-145												
Kronos	White	150-165												
Roxy	Red	150-160												

Calendar Nordics

VARIETY	SEGMENT	GROW DAYS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Rapidion	Green	55-60												
Pandion	Green	55-60												
Rinda	White	90-100												
Legenta	White	90-100												
SV3404JL	White	140-145												
Kronos	White	150-165												
Roxy	Red	150-160												

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Cabbage – Green, White, Red and Processing

Cabbage								
Variety	Approx Grow Days	Shape	Weight (kg)	Planting Density mk/ha	Fresh Market	End Use		
						Processing	Storage	Dutch White Market
Early Varieties								
Rapidion	55 - 60	E	0.75 - 1.5	40 - 60	+++	-	-	-
Pandion	55 - 60	E	0.75 - 1.5	40 - 60	+++	-	-	-
Summer Maturing White/Processing Varieties								
Rinda	90 - 100	E	4.0 - 8.0	25 - 35	++	++	-	-
Legenta	90 - 100	E	4.0 - 8.0	25 - 35	++	++	-	-
SV3336JB	90 - 100	E	3.0 - 6.0	25 - 35	+++	+++	-	+
Autumn Maturing White/Processing Varieties								
Galvatron	115 - 120	E	1.0 - 3.5	25 - 45	+++	++	++	+++
SV3404JL	140 - 145	E	1.0 - 4.0	30 - 50	+++	+++	+++	+++
Kronos	150 - 165	F	4.0 - 6.0	22 - 35	+++	+++	+++	-
Red Varieties								
Roxy	150-160	D	1.0 - 3.5	25 - 50	+++	+++	+++	-

Shape of cabbage:



Winter Special

Uniform, high yielding and winter hardy Premier Green

- // Suitable for harvest through late autumn and winter
- // Uniform growth with excellent harvest window due to slow heart formation
- // Better basal uniformity compared to open pollinated varieties



Winter Supreme Plus

Standard UK winter and early spring Premier Green

- // Suitable for harvest through late autumn, winter and early spring
- // High quality dark green leaf maturing slightly later than Winter Special
- // Slow to heart with excellent green to yellow ratio
- // Very suitable for processing



Rapidon

Light green round cabbage suitable for early summer production

- // Matures in approximately 55-60 days from planting
- // Rapid early growth
- // Produces cabbages of approximately 0.75-1.5 kg in weight
- // Good tolerance to cracking



Rinda

Early processing cabbage

- // Matures in approximately 90-100 days from planting
- // Fine internal structure
- // Early entry into the processing market
- // Round to high round heads



Legenta

Early maturity, similar timing to Rinda

- // Average head weight of 3-6 kg
- // Good crop uniformity
- // Produces nice round firm heads with good internal fill
- // Xanthomonas resistance



SV3336JB

Healthy, vigorous variety with dark green leaves

- // Matures in approximately 90-100 days from planting
- // Cabbage set high in the plant for quick and efficient harvest
- // Flat round shape
- // Can reach weights of 3-5 kg



Galvatron

White cabbage suitable for medium to long term storage

- // Matures in approximately 115-120 days from planting
- // High quality, round heads with abundant wax layer
- // Healthy crop
- // Excellent field holding



SV3404JL

White cabbage suitable for long term storage

- // Matures in approximately 140-145 days from planting
- // Erect plant habit with excellent health
- // Produces well filled heads that sit high in the crop
- // Can be grown at varying densities to produce heads from 1-4 kg



Kronos

Industry standard cabbage with high dry matter ideal for coleslaw production

- // Matures in approximately 150-165 days from planting
- // High yielding variety with uniform head size
- // Suitable for long term storage
- // Good disease tolerance



Roxy

Red cabbage suitable for long term storage

- // Matures in approximately 150-160 days from planting
- // Compact, uniform heads with a slight elongated shape
- // Heads weights from 1-3.5 kg
- // Good tolerance to thrips and leaf disease

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