

## **Almera**

Medium early high yielding variety.

Maturity: Medium early

Tubers:

Shape Long Oval

Colour of skin Bright

Colour of flesh Light Yellow

Size Big

Number Medium

Resistance to diseases:

Y-virus good

Leaf roll good

Nematodes resistant (Ro1.4)

Common scab average

Foliage blight reasonable

Tuber blight reasonable

Breeder: SW Seeds, Emmeloord

Crossing: BM 77-2102 x AR 80-031-20

General: Almera is a high yielding table variety with a nice light-yellow skin and light-yellow flesh colour. The tubers are rather big and the shape is oval long.

Because of its regular appearance, impressive flavor and suitability for washing, Almera is suitable for the fresh table market. The cooking type is rather firm and the dry matter content is low. The tuber number is rather good. Almera is suitable for planting as a second crop. Almera can be grown on most soil types, and especially suits growing conditions in South- and Central Europe and overseas.

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Cultivation Pre-sprouting is not necessary. Do not remove the sprouts more than once. The plant distance at a tuber size of 35/55 is 32 cm (4000 plants/ha).

Use of Sencor often gives a slight reaction of the leaves and a slight yield reduction.

Almera is a slow starter with late development and it is not a very strong plant. Later season bulking of the tubers is very fast.

For best results Almera requires consistent growth.

During the season the foliage cover of the soil is acceptable.

Almera is a little susceptible to bruising, which can be greatly reduced if the tubers are well set.

Susceptibility to black spot damage is low.

Fertilisation The recommendation for nitrogen is considerably less than standard.

Storage Almera has a short dormancy and therefore it is not suitable for long term storage.

Fast drying at the start of storage is necessary.

Resistance Almera is rather susceptible to late and Tuber Blight.

Almera is rather susceptible to Erwinia. Resistance to Spraing is good and to Yntn, Leafroll and Fusarium rather good.

Almera is resistant to PCN Ro1 and 4 and to Wart Disease fysisio 1.

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Distinction Almera gives high yields of attractive tubers under various growing conditions.

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