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CROP GUIDE 2021/2022



MICRO- HERBS



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Resistant is the ability of a plant variety to restrict the growth and development of a specified pest or pathogen and/or the damage they cause when compared to susceptible plant varieties under similar environmental conditions and pest or pathogen pressure. Resistant varieties may exhibit some disease symptoms or damage under heavy pest or pathogen pressure.

Two levels of resistance are defined:-

High standard resistance (HR): plant varieties that highly restrict the growth and development of the specified pest or pathogen under normal pest or pathogen pressure when compared to susceptible varieties. These plant varieties may, however, exhibit some symptoms or damage under heavy pest or pathogen pressure.

Moderate/Intermediate resistance (IR): plant varieties that restrict the growth and development of the specified pest or pathogen, but may exhibit a greater range of symptoms or damage compared to high/standard resistant varieties. Moderately/Intermediately resistant plant varieties will still show less severe symptoms or damage than susceptible plant varieties when grown under similar environmental conditions and / or pest or pathogen pressure.



True Blood

Darkest red leafed beet variety on the market. Slower growth enables excellent purity of colour. Darkest colour is achieved in the cooler months. Seed coat often remains attached.



NEW

Toro Rosso

The successor to True Blood with a similar deep red colour. Dark red coloured beet leaf for micro-herb production.



Bull's Blood

Dark red leafed beet. Bright pink/red stem with red cotyledons tending greener with increased light levels. Seed coat often remains attached.



Ruby Queen

A vibrant beet with fantastic colour for micro-herb production. This beet has a bright pink stem and medium green leaf adding a great diversity of colour. Seed coat often remains attached.



BRASSICA



Broccoli - Sprouting

One of the most popular of all sprouting vegetables, sprouting broccoli is simple to grow. With pale stem and heart-shaped green cotyledons, it's one of the better varieties to start with for beginning growers.



Cabbage - Red Sprouting

Purple stem with dark green leaves and a sweet cabbage flavour. A high vigour micro-herb.



Purple Sprouting Kohlrabi

Strong purple stems with dark green cotyledons, sprouting kohlrabi are popular for the perceived health benefits and higher antioxidant levels of cruciferous vegetables. Vigorous and easy to grow.



Green Sprouting Kohlrabi

With a pale green stem becoming light-pink as the sprout matures, green sprouting kohlrabi is a useful addition to micro-salads due to its higher vigour and ease of germination. Standard heart-shaped brassica cotyledons.



Purple Russian

Designed for baby leaf production, Purple Russian kale has purple/green heart shaped cotyledons with feathery green leaves coming after. Leaves are pure purple on the upper surface of the leaf at maturity. Purple Russian is also sweeter and softer than full-sized kale, whilst still providing all the nutritional benefits.



Red Russian

A frilly leafed specialty kale, mature Red Russian plants have a vibrant purple stem. As a micro-herb, this colour is reduced and only starts to darken up as the plants mature. Red Russian has attractive green cotyledons with delicate frilled first leaves.



NEW

Baby Curled

A frilled baby leaf kale with a mid green colour. Micro-herb has rounded cotyledons with lightly frilled true leaves.



Toscano Black

Toscano Black is a Mediterranean or Tuscan kale, with heavily savoyed, dark green true leaves. As a micro-herb, it has green cotyledons with excellent uniformity and a mild flavour.

CELERY



Celery - **NEW** Sprouting

Delicate small leaves on a fine green stem, with intense celery flavour.

LETTUCE



Red Crispita 2

NEW

A deep red baby leaf coral lettuce with intense leaf colour with excellent leaf shape. Deeply incised fine frilly leaf shape. Appealing colour for any micro salad mix. HR: Bl1-36, Fol1,4.



Mesclita

NEW

A baby leaf lettuce with a frilly leaf margin. It has dark green colour and fine leaf shape with a very fine stem. HR: Bl16-36, Nr0

MIZUNA & MUSTARDS



Miztique F₁

A red mizuna shaped hybrid mustard which boasts a beautiful red/maroon colour on both sides of its true leaves, perfect for a micro-salad. It is easy to grow, with a pleasant light mustard hint in its flavour.



Mizuna

Serrated true leaves with attractive pale green cotyledons. Attractive upright stems and mild mustard flavour.



Mizuna - Purple Glory F₁

A true hybrid mizuna with a mild flavour. Purple Glory has beautifully serrated true leaves, atop the lovely heart shaped cotyledons all brassicas offer. Dark purple colour on the upper surface of the true leaves, uniform and easy to grow.



Mustard - Red Deer

A fine leafed red mustard used mostly for micro-herb production. Finely serrated true leaves with a mild peppery flavour.



Mustard - Red Dijon

Red mustard with an excellent colour and uniformity at cotyledon stage and a strong mustard flavour. True leaves are dark red and lightly serrated at maturity.

TATSOI



Tatsoi

Dark green, savoyed, paddle shaped true leaves.
Dark green cotyledons with a mild mustard flavour.
Used for salad mix.



Tatsoi - Puma

A vigorous dark green tatsoi with a mild mustard flavour. Very reliable growth rates, regularly used in salad mix.



NEW Tatsoi - Purple Royale F1

A hybrid purple tatsoi. Purple Royale is perfect for a micro Purple Pak Choi product. Dark purple heart shaped cotyledons and rounded, purple Pak Choi type leaves.



Tatsoi - Viola F1

A hybrid purple tatsoi for micro-herb production. Viola has glossy purple heart shaped cotyledons with purple paddle shaped true leaves. This variety is an excellent alternative to Purple Royale F1.

ROCKET



Cultivated

Also known as Arugula. Dark green, oval shaped leaves, nutty flavour with medium pungency. Faster growing than wild rocket.



Darkway

Similar to cultivated rocket in growth speed and flavour, with a serrated true rocket leaf shape. Flavour is nutty and mildly peppery. Very easy to grow.



Frastagliata

The original European wild rocket strain. Fine, very serrated true leaves with small delicate green cotyledons and a strong flavour. Much slower growing than Cultivated Rocket with a more peppery flavour.

RADISH



Radish - Sprouting

Out of stock until May 2022

Sprouting radish has pale green cotyledon and leaves with a light green stem becoming slightly darker as the plant grows.



Pink Stem

Out of stock until May 2022

A bright pink, almost purple stemmed radish with green cotyledons for micro-herb production. It has strong vigour and a mild radish flavour. Its striking colour is perfect for brightening up any plate.



Purple Sango Improved

Specialty sprouting radish with purple stem and leaves for baby leaf or micro-herb production. Despite best efforts, it can have a small percentage of green shoots amongst the purple ones.

BASIL



Basil - Genovese

Italian Genova type basil with vibrant green, apple shaped cotyledons and large dark green true leaves with a slightly savoy texture. An excellent option for micro-herbs due to its flavour and beautiful aroma.



Basil - Genova Large Leaf

Bright green italian Genova type basil with slightly savoy texture. An excellent option for micro-herbs due to its flavour and beautiful aroma.



Basil - Purple Fire

A premium purple leaf basil with excellent uniformity. Perfect for pot production and micro-herbs. Excellent uniformity at the micro leaf stage with deep purple coloured cotyledons and nice glossy true leaves.



Basil - Greek

A smaller leaved more compact plant than Italian basil. Green curved cotyledons with small pointed true leaves. Sweeter and more subtle flavour than Italian basil.



Basil - Thai

South-East Asian basil variety with a strong aniseed flavour. Pale green stem becoming dark purple as the plant matures. Narrow pointed true leaves with green cotyledons. Popular in Asian cooking.

CORIANDER



Santo

Slow bolting coriander. Santo can be grown year round in most areas. Market leading variety of slow bolting coriander. Long oval shaped cotyledons with a grass green colour and beautiful pungent coriander aroma. A truly vibrant micro-herb.

PARSLEY



Limerick

Triple curled variety, excellent dark green colour, uniform leaf texture, colour and flavour. The standard triple curled variety for parsley growers.



Shamrock

Italian flat leaf type with slightly smaller true leaves than other varieties. Attractive green, pointed cotyledons.



Verdant

Italian Giant type parsley, the market standard for green flat leaf parsley. Medium to large sized true leaves with neatly pointed cotyledons. Excellent fragrance.

PEAS



Sprouting - Salad Pea

A cost effective variety for producing pea sprouts. This Dun Pea variety produces shoots with a classic, slightly sweet pea flavour.

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Amaranth - Red Garnet

One of the most striking of all micro-herbs. The fluorescent pink stem, topped with silvery pink, elongated cotyledons are the reason this is one of the staples in all micro-herb operations. Mild, spinach like flavour and excellent vigour.

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Chervil - Curled

A longer stemmed micro-herb with finely curved green cotyledons. The large, narrow, dark seed coat often remains attached for a striking contrast. It has a sweeter and more delicate flavour than parsley and finer in appearance with a faint aniseed flavour.



Chives - Garlic

Dark green cylindrical leaves topped with black seeds and a very strong garlic flavour make garlic chives a popular option with chefs and growers alike. Germinates best under heated conditions.

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Chives - Medium Onion

Long, narrow leaves with a strong onion flavour. Black seed coat remains attached to the leaf tip for an attractive micro-herb.



Corn Salad - Mache

French vegetable, grown for baby leaf or micro-herb. Spinach-like growth habit, with a delicate and nuttier flavour than spinach. Mache continues to thrive through cold temperatures.



Cress - American Upland

Cress with dark green broad leaves, growing on a stem. American Upland Cress has a mild peppery cress flavour.



Cress - Curled Wasabi

Beautifully lobed, fine-leaved, green micro-herb. Curled Wasabi Cress has a spicy flavour and is used in salads, usually eaten raw.



Dill - Dilligence

An aromatic micro-herb with long, slender, green cotyledons with the seed coat often remaining attached. True leaves are fine and feathery. Dried dill will rapidly lose its flavour, so dill is an excellent choice for a fresh micro-herb.



Fenugreek

Medium to dark green leaves with elongated narrow oval shaped leaves. Fenugreek has a strong curry type aroma and similar flavour.



Lemon Balm

Possibly the most popular of all the micro-herbs. Unlike other lemon-flavoured herbs, which can tend to be sour, lemon balm has a unique sweet lemon flavour which works as well with desserts as it does with savoury dishes.



Lovage

Lovage has all the elegance of a continental parsley, but sets itself apart with a beautiful strong celery flavour. Vigorous and sweet, Lovage is an excellent addition to soups or salads.



Mint - Peppermint

With a sharp, intense flavour, Peppermint (which contains Menthol) adds a lovely cooling sensation in dishes. Peppermint tends to have larger leaves and more of a creeping habit than Spearmint. Peppermint is extremely tiny seed and slower to establish than most micro-herbs.

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Mint - Spearmint

With a mild, sweet flavour and a sweet taste, Spearmint is an excellent addition to dessert dishes. Spearmint tends to have smaller leaves and more of an upright habit than Peppermint. Spearmint is extremely tiny seed and slower to establish than most micro-herbs.



Orach - Red

Also known as Mountain Spinach, Red Orach is one of the most striking micro-herbs. It has bright pink, almost fluorescent stems and dark pink/red true leaves. A small percentage of green off-types are present. It has a sweet spinach like flavour.

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Oregano

A standard in Italian cooking, nothing quite compares to the sweet and pungent aroma of oregano. Seed is extremely small and slower to germinate, but the fine, smooth dark green leaves on this compact and creeping plant make for an attractive rounded pot.



Sage

Normally a woody perennial, Sage has silvery leaves and a beautiful flavour for soups, sauces or even stuffing. Whether you're after a potted herb, a multi-cut product or a single use micro-herb, sage is an excellent addition to your micro-herb range.



Shiso - Green

One of the most popular herbs in Japanese cooking, Green Shiso (or perilla) is slightly spicier with more cinnamon undertones compared with Red Shiso. Curved cotyledons with serrated true leaves.



Shiso - Red

A difficult flavour to describe, reminiscent of curry powder, with hints of anise, cinnamon and coriander. Fairbanks Red shiso is one of the darkest red and most consistent red shiso variety available. Popular in Japanese and south-east Asian cuisine.



Sorrel - Micro-Vein

Red veined sorrel specifically selected for its perfect appearance at the micro-herb stage. As a micro, its leaves already have distinct red veins and a refreshing citrus taste.



Sorrel - Red Vein

One of the most striking leaves in the whole vegetable industry, Red Vein Sorrel is a lime-green colour with blood-red stem and leaf veins. Flavour is a mild sour-lemon with a juicy stem. As a micro-herb it retains all of the softness and palatability of baby leaf spinach.

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Mexican Tarragon

Mexican Tarragon is normally an upright woody perennial plant with a strong sweet aniseed flavour. As a micro-herb, its fine leaves are popular in many high class restaurants.



Winter Thyme

Thyme has beautiful small leaves on upright stems. Sprigs of thyme, when grown as micro-herbs make for a superior garnish compared with field grown products as they are softer and sweeter without the woody stems of standard Thyme.



Watercress - True Water

Perennial herb with large rounded leaves. Traditionally grown in hydroponics, watercress prefers a high moisture content in its growing medium for best results. Fine cotyledons with a pleasant peppery flavour.

SPRING ONION



Grandstand

A vigorous growing spring onion with an upright habit and fresh onion flavour.

Grandstand has good vigour with bright green cylindrical leaves, often the seed coat will stay attached.

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