

Introduction

Recommended for planting in better, high potential, well drained soils in irrigated regions.

Best features

Performs best when planted in better, high potential, well drained soils. Very high sucrose content in the early season. Resistant to most diseases. Yields tend to improve with ratoons. Good payloads achieved with this variety.

Limiting features_

Plant crop yields have been mediocre. Highly susceptible to eldana, do not carry over. Not suitable for very sandy soils. Sensitive to low temperatures when ratooning. Lodging can be severe. Initial observations are that this variety is susceptible to thrips damage.

Yield & quality_



The performance of a variety will vary under different conditions and levels of management. For refined yield and quality information, please consult the SASRI Variety Guide at www.sasri.org.za/varietyguide, where you will be able to rank this variety against others of your choice based on your specific area, irrigation regime, cutting cycle, soil potential and time of harvest.

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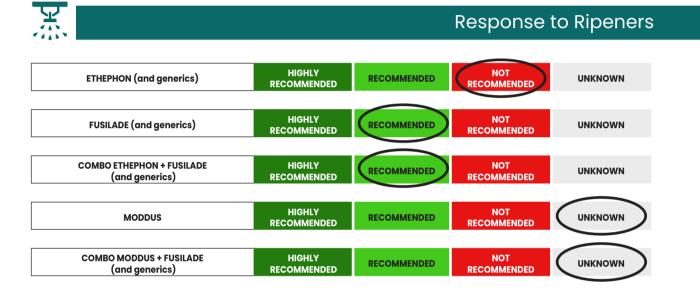
Varieties





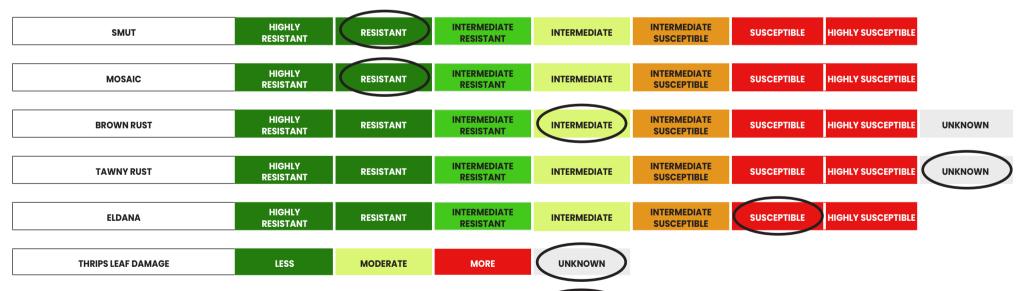
Varietal Traits

Management Factors	Soil Potential	Agronomic Characteristics
EARLY SEASON HARVEST YES NO	LOW POTENTIAL YES NO	GERMINATION ABILITY FAST MODERATE SLOW
MID-SEASON HARVEST YES NO	AVERAGE POTENTIAL YES NO	CANOPY DEVELOPMENT FAST MODERATE SLOW
LATE SEASON HARVEST YES NO	HIGH POTENTIAL YES NO	STALK POPULATION HIGH MODERATE LOW
SUITABILITY FOR CARRIYOVER YES NO		STALK HEIGHT TALL MODERATE SHORT
SUITABILITY FOR FROST POCKETS YES NO UNKNOWN		FLOWERING SPARSE MODERATE PROFUSE
		LODGING ERECT AVERAGE SEVERE
		TOLERANCE TO WATER STRESS GOOD MODERATE POOR JNKNOWN
		TOLERANCE TO WATER LOGGING GOOD MODERATE POOR UNKNOWN



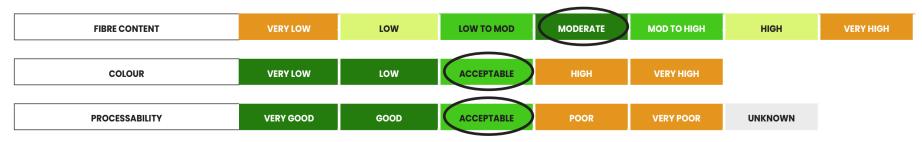


Reaction to Pests & Diseases











N26 Identification Guide

Habit and General Appearance_

A low population, thick-stalked variety with a yellowish-green canopy of broad, erect leaves. Clinging trash covers virtually the entire stalk.

Leaf_

- **Blade:** Yellowy-green; broad and erect with leaf tips often bent. Midrib sometimes yellow on the underside.
- Sheath: Hairy; light yellowish-green, with brownish blotches on older sheaths.
- Collar: Medium width; yellowy; often with a purplish tinge.
- Auricle: Small; usually present; fairly broad.

Stalk_

Internode

Appearance: Thick, yellowy-green, with corky markings sometimes present. Cracks on older internodes in some conditions.

Wax band: Narrow and distinct.

Bud furrow: Sometimes present, although slight.

Node

- Growth ring: Dark yellow to yellowish-green in younger nodes.
- **Root band:** Medium width; yellow; often with three rows of root primordia.
- Sheath scar: Does not protrude below the bud.
- Bud: Smallish; round; often protruding.
- **Flange:** Narrow, often with a purplish tinge in the younger buds. Hairs sometimes present at the apex.





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