

2021 Vegetable Trial: Spinach, Savoyed/semi savoyed

Name _____

Address _____

County _____

Growing Directions

Spinach is a cool season crop and can be seeded in the garden as soon as the ground can be worked. It can take a light frost. Plant one-half inch deep full sun to part shade. Space or thin to six inches apart in rows twelve inches apart. Keep well-watered and use care when weeding as spinach is shallow rooted.

Spinach is generally one of the first vegetables ready to eat in the spring. Harvest by snipping off-side leaves as soon as they are big enough to be worthwhile. Once the weather gets hot spinach will bolt (send up a flower spike). Then, cut the whole plant as the quality will quickly deteriorate.

Multiple plantings can be made until the weather gets hot. A fall crop can also be grown by seeding in late summer.

Growing Instructions by Norma Rudesill

For more information on growing smooth leaf spinach use this reference: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/spinach-spinacia-oleracea/#:~:text=Spinach%20is%20a%20cool%2Dseason%20crop%20that%20should%20be%20planted,and%20about%20%C2%BD%20inch%20deep.>

You have 10 seeds of each variety. Please evaluate at least 5 plants of each variety for trials.

Spinach may be prepared in a variety of ways. For evaluation purposes, please use the same method on each variety so ranking information is consistent.

What date did you plant the seeds? _____ Did you mulch? _____ What kind? _____

Did you fertilize? _____ If so, what kind? _____ What dates did you fertilize? _____

What pest prevention was used? _____

Did you grow plants in containers? _____ If so, would you recommend this method of planting again? _____

Please rate your soil.

Use one or two numbers that best describe your soil type: 1= sandy, 2 = silty, 3= loamy, 4= peaty, 5= clay, 6 = chalky, 7 = potting soil: _____

Soil Drainage: 1 = good, 2= adequate, 3= poor: _____ Soil Compaction: 1= low compaction, 2 = acceptable, 3 = not acceptable compaction: _____

Please rate weather during growing season.

Temperature: 1 = warmer than average, 2= average, 3= colder than average _____ Comments: _____

Moisture: 1 = wetter than average, two = average, 3= dryer than average _____ Comments: _____

Length of growing season: 1= longer than average, 2= average, 3 = shorter than average _____ Comments: _____

Photos are welcome. We especially like shots of insects, diseases, and those that compare varieties. Please email digital copies to p.wastell@gmail.com.

Do you have suggestions for further vegetable, herb, and flower trials? _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY October 31, 2021

Return to: Diana Alfuth
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Pierce County UW-Extension
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Ellsworth. WI 54011

Spinach, Smooth Leaf Trial Evaluation 2021	Bloomsdale	Kolibri	SV146VB	Tundra
Germination: 1=good, 2=acceptable, 3 = not acceptable				
Did you transplant seedlings? (yes/no)				
Yearly Yield: 1 = heavy, 2 = acceptable, 3 = not acceptable				
Raw Flavor: 1=good, 2=acceptable, 3=not acceptable				
Describe Raw Flavor				
Cooked Flavor: 1 = good, 2 = acceptable, 3 = not acceptable				
Describe Cooked Flavor				
Did you freeze/can/dry? (yes/no)				
Quality/flavor of frozen/canned/dried spinach 1 = good, 2 = acceptable, 3 = poor				
Diseases: 1= none, 2 = some, 3 = heavy infection				
Insects: 1 = none, 2 = some, 3 = heavy infestation				
Would you grow this variety again? (yes/no)				
Please rank from 1 = best to 4 = least				
Comments: (include insects identified, other growing problems)				