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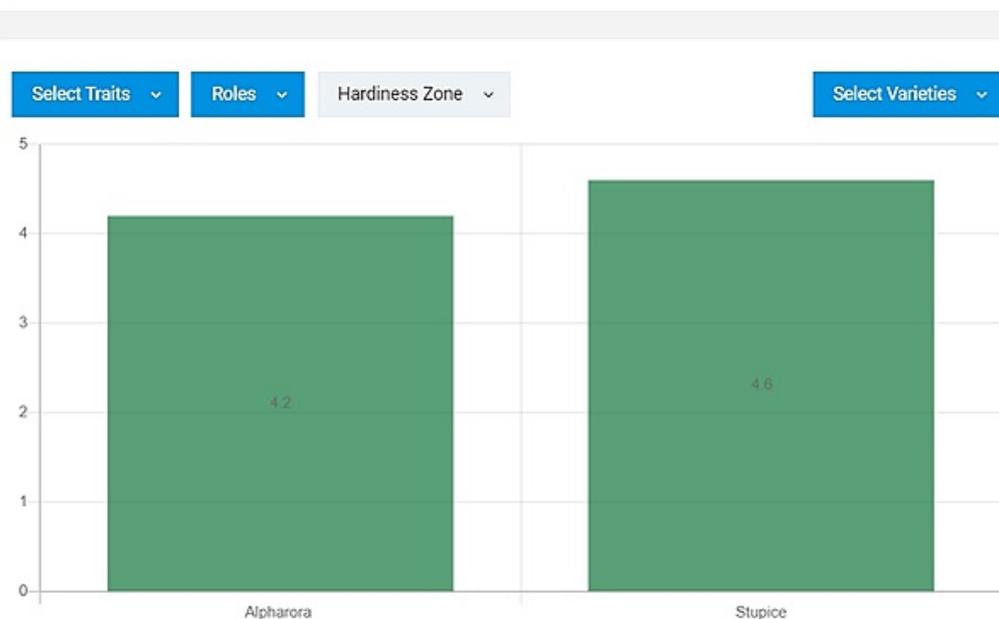
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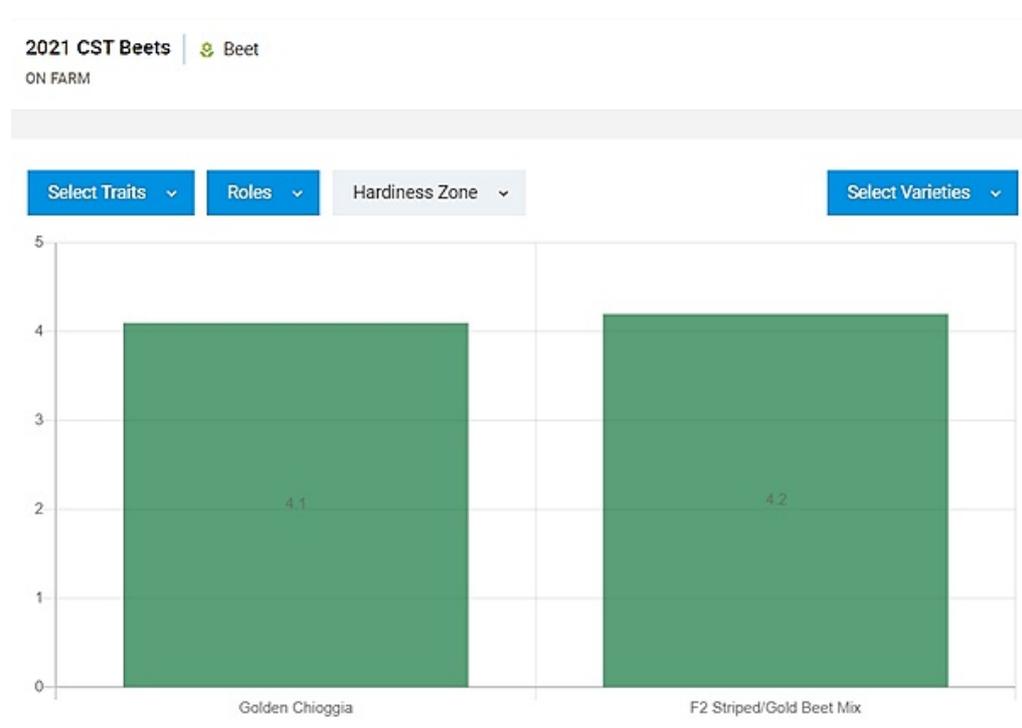
Hi folks,

We thought we would kick off this Citizen Seed Trial update with some data!
Here's the germination rating from all the trials:

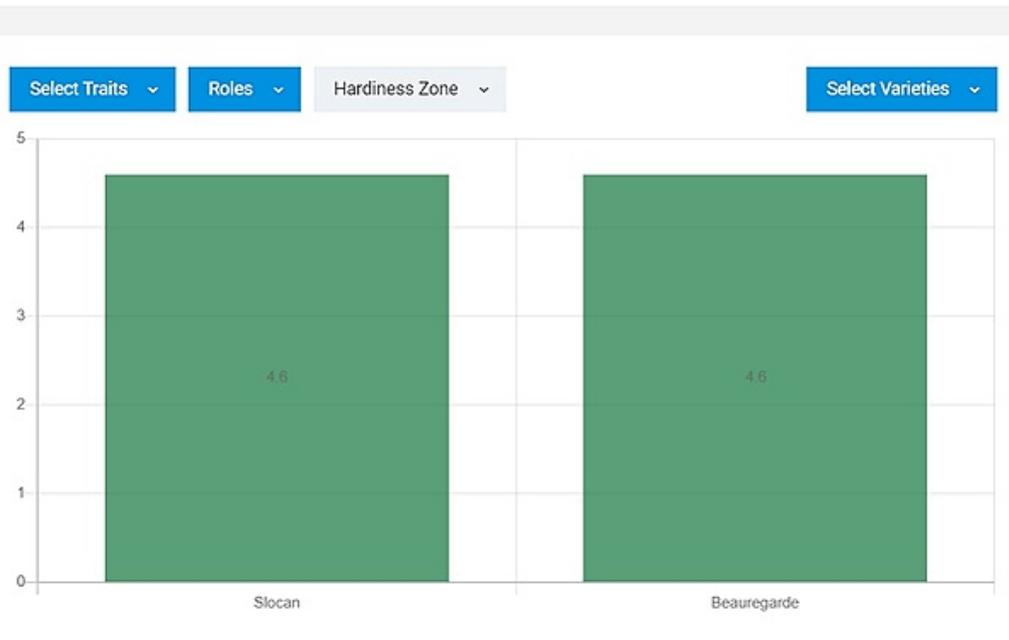
2021 CST Tomatoes | Tomato
ON FARM



Germination ratings for the CST Alpharora and Stupice tomatoes are 4.2 and 4.6 respectively. Stupice appears to be the clear winner for higher germination.



F2 Striped/Gold Beet mix is just barely outperforming the Golden Chioggia at a germination rating of 4.2 compared to 4.1. Given the similarity of these two varieties, a close ranking is logical.



It is a tie for the snow peas. Both Slocan and Beauregard had a high germination rating at 4.6.

There's still lot's of time to upload your data. Currently, only around 30% of CST participants have entered their germination data. Please feel free to reach out to Siri at mvseedcoordinator@farmfolkcityfolk.ca if you are having troubles with SeedLinked or the trial.



We hope you all have been able to enjoy the fruits of your labor, we know we've been busy snacking on snow peas at our [Research and Education Seed Farm](#). It's a great time to do some taste evaluations. Compare your produce raw or cooked and feel free to check out these great [snow pea](#) and [beet](#) recipes. There are many characteristics to consider including the texture, sweetness, flavour, appearance, and skin toughness of your veggies. Have fun with the process!

If you mistakenly forget to harvest a pea, feel free to experiment and leave it on the vine to mature for seed. Also, if you're noticing your tomato plants are starting to get unwieldy, learn about tomato pruning [here](#). Pruning tomatoes is a great way to keep your garden tidy, prevent fungal disease, and cultivate even larger tomatoes.

Upcoming Webinars!

You're Invited!

SeedLinked 101 Webinar



**Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 7-8pm ET | 6-7pm CT | 5-6pm MT
| 4-5pm PT**

The webinar covers the use of both the web platform and mobile app for the following topics:

- How to create an account and login
- How to use the Seed Explorer to compare varieties
- How to review what you grow on the platform
- How to participate in collaborative trials
- How to view and use trial/planting results to pick what you grow

At least 15 minutes of Q&A will follow the presentation.

[**Register Here**](#)



Beets: Breeding for Flavour and Colour

Speakers: Solveig Hanson, Mel Sylvestre

Date: July 29 2021, 10:00 - 11:30 AM PT

Description: Solveig literally wrote the book (well, the dissertation) on table beet flavour. Rich, sweet, and earthy, beet flavour is in part determined by its levels of geosmin, which our guest has researched in detail. Join us to learn more about this work, the impact of geosmin and other flavour compounds in beet cultivar popularity, and learn how to select beets for flavour. This webinar is for farmers who love growing beets, those interested in on-farm beet breeding, and

participants in the 2021 Citizen Seed Trials.

[Register here](#)

We hope we will see you all at the upcoming webinar! Expect to learn lot's about beet breeding and your CST beet varieties.

Don't forget to continue to add your data to SeedLinked. Be sure to be on the lookout for any disease and insect damage. Tomatoes should be ready soon, so be ready to rate for earliness and to enter your first harvest date.

In good seed,

The BC Seed Security Program

