

2018 Lettuce Variety Trial First Planting Results

This year's lettuce variety trial was conducted at Pleasant Valley Farm in Argyle, NY. It was planted on May 28th, and harvested August 1st. The main goal of the trial was to evaluate romaine varieties to see which would perform well in hot summer conditions and there were 17 days above 85 degrees.

Standout Varieties: See the youtube video below

<https://youtu.be/7tjxZG46dlo>

Other Varieties Evaluated

Aerostar – Good disease resistance, sweet taste but weird after taste. Odd texture, almost slippery. 0.35 lb head weight



Annapolis – Good disease resistance, bland and bitter taste, soft texture. 0.14 lb head weight



Auvona – Good disease resistance, bitter taste but good crunch. 0.79 lb head weight



Brown Goldring – Very little disease resistance, all plants were bolting at time of harvest, bitter and weird taste, 0.39 lb head weight



Bunyard Matchless – Little disease resistance, bad taste and very bitter. Most plants bolted. 0.32 lb head weight.



Cimarron – Average disease resistance, around half of plants bolted. Not much taste. 0.56 lb head weight



Coastal Star – Little disease resistance, around half of plants bolted. Weird and bitter taste. 0.69 lb head weight



Dubiya Dapple Density – Good disease resistance, no real flavor but not bitter. 0.31 lb head weight



Ezbruke – Good disease resistance, bland and weird taste. 0.22 lb head weight.



Freckles – Average disease resistance. Two of sixteen plants bolted. Taste was okay, it had good crunch. 0.58 lb head weight.



Fusion – Average disease resistance. Okay taste. 0.69 lb head weight



Green Towers – Average disease resistance. Bad flavor. 0.6 lb head weight



Outredgeous – Average disease resistance. All plants bolted. Taste was bland and bitter. 0.28 lb head weight.



Red Rosie – Average disease resistance. All plants bolted. Sweet taste despite bolting. This variety may benefit from an earlier harvest. 0.6 lb head weight.



Salvius – Good disease resistance. Taste was just fine. 0.75 lb head weight



Sparx – Little disease resistance. Taste was just fine. 0.83 lb head weight



Thiruness – Good disease resistance. Odd, dry taste. 0.35 lb head weight.

