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SOUTH AFRICAN GROUNDNUT CULTIVAR GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

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As industry stakeholders continue to advance the South African groundnut industry, the critical topic of groundnut cultivars remains a focal point in discussions among affected parties. The need for cultivars that thrive in our local production conditions, deliver high-quality yields, and meet the increasing demands of both local and global markets is more pressing than ever.

Members of the SA Groundnut Forum have consistently highlighted the importance of accessible, reliable information to support informed decision-making in an environment where cultivar and technology related challenges remains complex and ongoing.

It is essential that we do not overlook the value of the locally registered cultivars already available to us. These cultivars have proven their potential in our unique environments. While the varietal list is accessible, this guide will endeavour to make available more comprehensive data and insights to assist farmers and industry players in making better cultivar choices. This guide seeks to address that need by offering detailed profiles of registered cultivars, providing a platform for rights holders to showcase their varieties, and where possible, including trial based data to enhance decision-making.

We intend to regularly update this guide as new information emerges, ensuring that it remains a valuable resource for all those invested in the future of the groundnut sector. We hope that this document not only aids in cultivar selection but also serves as a reminder of how far our industry has progressed and the opportunities that lie ahead...regardless of countless challenges being faced in our industry and greater agricultural landscape. We are a small group of uniquely passionate people, and the future of this industry remains in being able to work together where it matters most.

I extend my gratitude to everyone, including the ARC Grain Crop Campus, who contributed to the compilation of this guide—your dedication, time, and expertise are deeply appreciated, and it remains my privilege and honour to serve this amazing commodity and it's people.

Adri Botha

Chairperson



INDEX OF REGISTERED CULTIVARS

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Cultivar	Owner/Agent	Commercially Available 2025	Page
ACI 236S	Spoor & Fisher	No	-
ACI 240S	Spoor & Fisher	No	-
ACI 243S	Spoor & Fisher	No	-
Akwa*	ARC	Yes	04
Anel*	ARC	Yes	05
ARC 474	ARC	Contact Owner/Agent	06
ARC K6	ARC	Contact Owner/Agent	07
ARC-AkwaPlus*	ARC	Contact Owner/Agent	08
ARC-Oleic*	ARC	Contact Owner/Agent	09
ARC-Opal 1*	ARC	Contact Owner/Agent	10
ARC-SelliePlus*	ARC	Yes	11
Ferbano	GWK	Contact Owner/Agent	-
Fuentes	Triotrade	Contact Owner/Agent	-
GP 23	SA Peanuts	No	12
GP 33	SA Peanuts	No	13
GP 35	SA Peanuts	No	-
Harts*	ARC	No	14
Inkanyezi	Dep Agric Lowveld	No	-
Kairi	GWK	Contact Owner/Agent	-
Kangwane Red	ARC	No	15
KANOSel*	ARC	No	16
Kwarts*	ARC	Yes	17
Larraga	Triotrade	Contact Owner/Agent	-
Mwenje*	Seed Co	No	18
Namib	Countrywide Nuts	No	19
Nyanda*	Seed Co	No	20
Rambo	ARC	No	-
SA Juweel*	ARC	No	21
Schubert*	SA Peanuts	Yes	-
Tamnut OL 6*	GWK	No	-
TT006*	Triotrade	Contact Owner/Agent	-
TT007*	Triotrade	Contact Owner/Agent	-
Tufa*	ARC	No	22

*Table 8

Based on Varietal List - 2024

COMMERCIAL STATUS

According to information received from the relevant owners or agents - where possible to verify - the registered cultivars which are currently not commercially available have been indicted on the Index. Various reasons were given such as new or better cultivars becoming available, adaptability, yield, market acceptance or to protect international breeder rights. Any further queries should be directed to the owner or agents.

SOURCE CONFIRMATION

The information on the following pages has been obtained through various private and public sources. It has been made available to the owners and/or agents of cultivars for verification and amendments prior to publication. Since this is a live document, changes will be made to future versions and any comments, additions or corrections should please be sent to:

groundnutforum@opot.co.za

Disclaimer: The information contained herein have been obtained from various public and private sources. All reasonable care has been taken to verify the information with the breeders, holders of the plant breeder rights or their agents, however the SA Groundnut Forum; the Oilseeds Advisory Committee; the Oil & Protein Seeds Development Trust, any of its members, employees or officials are hereby indemnified against all and any claims relating to this document or the use thereof. The information is to be used as guideline and readers are encouraged to contact the agents or owners of cultivars for more information. (E&OE)

AKWA



OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

1994 - PBR EXPIRED

DEVELOPMENT

HARTS X SELLIE

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

TOLERANCE

POD NEMATODE
BLACK POD ROT
EARLY AND LATE LEAF SPOT
SCLEROTINIA
PHOMA
RUST

CHARACTERISTICS

LOW-OLEIC ACID CONTENT
SUITABLE FOR BOTH DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION - WIDELY PLANTED
ACCEPTABLE TO EXPORT MARKETS
2-SEEDED PODS
TAN COLOURED TESTA
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

ANEL



OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

1993 - PBR EXPIRED

DEVELOPMENT

SELECTION 5 OUT OF NATAL COMMON

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

TOLERANCE

POD NEMATODE
RUST
BLACK POD ROT
EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
PHOMA

CHARACTERISTICS

LOW-OLEIC ACID CONTENT - <40%
SUITABLE FOR BOTH DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION - WIDELY PLANTED
ACCEPTABLE TO EXPORT MARKETS
2-SEEDED PODS
TAN COLOURED TESTA
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2023 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

CROSS SA JUWHEEL X ICGV 953342

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

TOLERANCE

POD NEMATODE
RUST
BLACK POD ROT
EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
PHOMA

CHARACTERISTICS

HIGH OLEIC ACID CONTENT
SUITABLE FOR BOTH DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION
ACCEPTABLE TO EXPORT MARKETS
2-SEEDED PODS
TAN COLOURED TESTA
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2023 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

CROSS SELLIE X SA JUWEEL (SISTER LINE OF
SELLIE PLUS PC435)

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

TOLERANCE

POD NEMATODE
RUST
BLACK POD ROT
EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
PHOMA

CHARACTERISTICS

HIGH OLEIC ACID CONTENT
SUITABLE FOR BOTH DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION
ACCEPTABLE TO EXPORT MARKETS
2-SEEDED PODS
TAN COLOURED TESTA
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

ARC AKWA PLUS

08



OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2014 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

SELECTED FROM CROSS BETWEEN AKWA
X ICGV95350

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

TOLERANCE

POD NEMATODE
EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
PHOMA
RUST
BLACK POD ROT

CHARACTERISTICS

SUITABLE FOR BOTH DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION - WIDELY PLANTED
ACCEPTABLE TO EXPORT MARKETS
2-SEEDED PODS
TAN COLOURED TESTA
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

ARC OLEIC

09



OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2012 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

SELECTED FROM AKWA X UF 85-1241

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

TOLERANCE

POD NEMATODE
BLACK POD ROT
EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
PHOMA
RUST

CHARACTERISTICS

HIGH-OLEIC ACID CONTENT
RECOMMENDED FOR IRRIGATION
ACCEPTABLE TO EXPORT MARKETS
2-SEEDED PODS
TAN COLOURED TESTA
IMPROVED SHELF LIFE
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

PROGRAM TO MANAGE LEAF SPOT
IMPORTANT; APPLICATION OF
FUNGISIDES FOR LEAF DISEASES

ARC OPAL 1

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OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2013 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

SELECTED FROM CROSS BETWEEN ANEL
X UF85-1237

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

RESISTANCE

POD NEMATODE
BLACK POD ROT

TOLERANCE

EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
PHOMA
RUST

CHARACTERISTICS

LOW-OLEIC ACID CONTENT
SUITABLE FOR BOTH DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION - WIDELY PLANTED
ACCEPTABLE TO EXPORT MARKETS
2-SEEDED PODS
TAN COLOURED TESTA
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

PROGRAM TO MANAGE NEMATODES AND
LEAF SPOT VERY IMPORTANT;
APPLICATION OF FUNGISIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

ARC SELLIE PLUS

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OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2014 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

CROSS SELLIE X SA JUWHEEL

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

TOLERANCE

POD NEMATODE
BLACK POD ROT
EARLY AND LATE LEAF SPOT
PHOMA
RUST

CHARACTERISTICS

HIGH OLEIC ACID CONTENT
SUITABLE FOR BOTH IRRIGATION AND
DRYLAND
ACCEPTABLE TO EXPORT MARKETS
PREDOMINANTLY 2-SEEDED PODS
TAN COLOURED KERNELS
HIGHER FRACTION LARGE KERNELS
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

PROGRAM TO MANAGE SCLEROTINIA
BLIGHT; APPLICATION OF FUNGISIDES
FOR LEAF DISEASES



OWNER/AGENT

SA PEANUTS

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2015 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

ENQUIRE WITH OWNER

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

150 - 155 DAYS (MEDIUM)

RESISTANCE

ENQUIRE WITH OWNER

TOLERANCE

MODERATE TOLERANCE TO LEAF SPOT

CHARACTERISTICS

SIMILAR TO ANEL
WELL ADAPTED TO DRYLAND
PRODUCTION
HIGH PERCENTAGE LARGER KERNELS

RECOMMENDATIONS

ENQUIRE WITH OWNER

OWNER/AGENT

SA PEANUTS

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2015 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

ENQUIRE WITH OWNER

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT

GROWTH PERIOD

150-155.DAYS (MEDIUM)

RESISTANCE

ENQUIRE WITH OWNER

TOLERANCE

LEAF SPOT

CHARACTERISTICS

SIMILAR TO AKWA
WELL ADAPTED FOR IRRIGATED
CULTIVATION
HIGH PERCENTAGE LARGER KERNELS

RECOMMENDATIONS

ENQUIRE WITH OWNER

OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

1991 - PBR EXPIRED

DEVELOPMENT

SELECTED FROM GUAT X ATETE = 25G25

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 100 DAYS (SHORT)

RESISTANCE

BLACK POD ROT

TOLERANCE

EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
POD NEMATODE
PHOMA
RUST

CHARACTERISTICS

LOW OLEIC ACID CONTENT
RECOMMENDED BOTH FOR DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION CULTIVATION
KNOWN TO EXPORT MARKETS
3 SEEDED PODS
RED COLOURED TESTA
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

KANGWANE RED

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OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

PBR EXPIRED

DEVELOPMENT

UNKNOWN

TYPE

VIRGINIA

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 120 DAYS (SHORT)

TOLERANCE

BLACK POD ROT
POD NEMATODE
EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
PHOMA
RUST

CHARACTERISTICS

LOW OLEIC ACID CONTENT
RECOMMENDED BOTH FOR DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION CULTIVATION
3 SEEDED PODS
RED COLOURED TESTA
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2012 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

SELECTION FROM ORIGINAL KANO

TYPE

VALENCIA

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 120 DAYS (SHORT)

TOLERANCE

BLACK POD ROT
POD NEMATODE
EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
PHOMA
RUST

CHARACTERISTICS

LOW OLEIC ACID CONTENT
RECOMMENDED BOTH FOR DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION CULTIVATION
3 SEEDED PODS
RED COLOURED TESTA
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

KWARTS



OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

1991 - PBR EXPIRED

DEVELOPMENT

SELECTED FROM CROSS BETWEEN HARTS
AND SELLIE

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

RESISTANCE

BLACK POD ROT

TOLERANCE

EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
POD NEMATODE
PHOMA
RUST

CHARACTERISTICS

LOW OLEIC ACID CONTENT
RECOMMENDED BOTH FOR DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION CULTIVATION
WIDELY PLANTED/ADAPTABLE
KNOWN TO EXPORT MARKETS
2 SEEDED PODS
HIGH PERCENTAGE ROUND KERNELS
TAN COLOURED TESTA
GOOD YIELD POTENTIAL

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

MWENJE



OWNER/AGENT

SEED-CO (PTY) LTD

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

PRE 2012 - EXPIRED

DEVELOPMENT

UNKNOWN

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT

GROWTH PERIOD

90 - 120 DAYS (SHORT)

RESISTANCE

POD NEMATODE	UNKNOWN
BLACK HULL	UNKNOWN
BOTRYTIS STEMROT	UNKNOWN
SCLEROTINIA	UNKNOWN

TOLERANCE

GROUNDNUT ROSETTE VIRUS

CHARACTERISTICS

PREDOMINANTLY 2 SEED PODS
TAN COLOUR

RECOMMENDATIONS

CERCOSPORA LEAF SPOT MAY BE SEEN DURING MATURITY - SPRAYING OF FUNGICIDES MAY BE REQUIRED TO INCREASE POD FILLING PERIOD

NAMIB



OWNER/AGENT

COUNTRY WIDE NUTS

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2015 -YES

DEVELOPMENT

LANDRACE CULTIVAR FROM NAMIBIA

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT; BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

RESISTANCE

POD NEMATODE	UNKNOWN
BLACK HULL	UNKNOWN
BOTRYTIS STEMROT	POOR
SCLEROTINIA	POOR

TOLERANCE

ENQUIRE WITH OWNER

CHARACTERISTICS

LOW OLEIC ACID CONTENT
RECOMMENDED FOR IRRIGATION
PREDOMINANT 2 SEEDED PODS
ROUND KERNELS (SIMILAR TO TUFA)
SUSCEPTABLE TO LEAF SPOT

RECOMMENDATIONS

PROGRAM TO MANAGE LEAF SPOT

NYANDA



OWNER/AGENT

SEED-CO (PTY) LTD

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

PRE 2012

DEVELOPMENT

UNKNOWN - ENQUIRE WITH OWNER

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT

GROWTH PERIOD

90 - 120 DAYS (SHORT)

RESISTANCE

POD NEMATODE	UNKNOWN
BLACK HULL	UNKNOWN
BOTRYTIS STEMROT	UNKNOWN
SCLEROTINIA	UNKNOWN
LEAF HOPPER	GOOD

TOLERANCE

UNKNOWN

CHARACTERISTICS

WELL ADAPTED TO DRYLAND
CULTIVATION
SOME TOLERANCE FOR HEAT AND
DROUGHT STRESS

RECOMMENDATIONS

CERCOSPORA LEAF SPOT MAY BE SEEN
DURING MATURITY - SPRAYING OF
FUNGISIDES MAY BE REQUIRED TO
INCREASE POD FILLING PERIOD

SA JUWHEEL

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OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2009 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

SELECTED FROM CROSS BETWEEN UF85 X
AKWA

TYPE

SPANISH

GROWTH HABIT

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

GROWTH PERIOD

+/- 150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

TOLERANCE

BLACK POD ROT
POD NEMATODE
EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
PHOMA
RUST

CHARACTERISTICS

HIGH OLEIC ACID CONTENT
IMPROVED SHELF LIFE OF PRODUCTS
ACCEPTABLE TO EXPORT MARKETS
2-SEEDED PODS
RECOMMENDED FOR IRRIGATION
TAN COLOURED KERNELS

RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF
DISEASES

TUFA



OWNER/AGENT

ARC GRAIN CROP INSTITUTE
POTCHEFSTROOM

REGISTERED & PLANT BREEDER RIGHTS

2012 - YES

DEVELOPMENT

SELECTED FROM JASPER (FROM HARTS & SELLIE) AND SENEGAL BREEDING LINE 37-30

SPANISH

UPRIGHT, BUNCH TYPE

+/- 150 DAYS (MEDIUM)

BLACK POD ROT

TYPE

GROWTH HABIT

GROWTH PERIOD

RESISTANCE

TOLERANCE

EARLY TO LATE LEAF SPOT
POD NEMATODE
PHOMA
RUST

CHARACTERISTICS

INTERMEDIATE OLEIC ACID CONTENT
IMPROVED SHELF LIFE OF PRODUCTS
2-SEEDED PODS
RECOMMENDED FOR DRYLAND AND
IRRIGATION (DEVELOPED FOR DROUGHT
TOLERANCE)
TAN COLOURED KERNELS

RECOMMENDATIONS

PROGRAM TO MANAGE BOTRYTIS,
DURING HIGH MOISTURE AND COOLER
TEMPERATURES; APPLICATION OF
FUNGICIDES FOR LEAF DISEASES



GROUNDNUT SEED CLASSIFICATION

- **GERMPLASM SEED** – ORIGINAL SEED REGISTERED
- **NUCLEUS SEED** – SEED PRODUCED FROM GERMPLASM SEED
- **BREEDER SEED** – SEED PRODUCED FROM NUCLEUS SEED AND SOLD TO SEED COMPANIES
- **PRE-BASIC 1** – PRODUCED BY SEED COMPANIES
- **PRE-BASIC 2** – PRODUCED BY SEED COMPANIES
- **BASIC SEED** – PRODUCED BY SEED COMPANIES
- **CERTIFIED SEED** – PRODUCED & SOLD BY SEED COMPANIES

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FOR INFORMATION ON SEED CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS AND
REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

