

# Winning the Race!

As an international seed company, Sakata Seed recognizes spinach as an important global crop. The demand for spinach has increased over the years due to the convenience and wide array of baby leaf packaging and products, including clam shells, bags and spring mixes. This is in addition to already robust bunch, clip and frozen spinach markets.

A major concern for the spinach industry is the proliferation of downy mildew (Peronospora farinosa f. sp. spinaciae (= P. effusa)) races. A new race of downy mildew has been identified nearly every year since 2000. Resistance to downy mildew is important to the entire spinach industry from seed companies to growers to distributors, and even to consumers.

Sakata is dedicated to breeding for resistance to downy mildew. We work closely with leading spinach pathologists at the University of Arkansas, The International Working Group Peronospora, and key growers and distributors around the globe. We test our commercial and developing spinach varieties to all new races.



#### **Persius**

Persius is an excellent yielding processing spinach variety. It has a moderate growth rate and a slightly lobed, smooth leaf shape. Persius has a semi-upright plant habit and moderate bolt tolerance. The preferred growing window for this variety is fall or early winter. Persius offers a combined disease package for downy mildew and white rust.





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# Olympia

Olympia is a moderate growing, processing variety. It has large, smooth, elongated oval, medium green leaves. It is a bolt tolerant variety with a preferred growing window that is early spring or late summer. Olympia offers high yields and multi cuts for processing growers due to its bolt tolerance and large leaves. In addition,

### **C2-606**

C2-606 is a high yielding, smooth, dark green baby leaf variety. It has uniform spade shaped leaves. C2-606 has an upright plant habit and is very bolt tolerant. This variety is a slower growing variety that is well suited for warmer planting slots. *Sales restrictions apply.* 



# Imperial Beach

Imperial Beach is a dark green bunch spinach variety. It has an Asian leaf type that is smooth with lobbing. It is a very uniform variety for leaf shape and size. It has an upright plant habit making it easy to harvest. Imperial Beach has flexible but strong petioles resulting in less stem breakage. It is a fast-growing variety.



## Mature

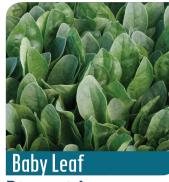
**Imperial Valley** 

Imperial Valley is a dark green smooth leaf spinach variety for fresh markets. It has uniform Asian lobbed leaves with flexible and strong petioles. It has fast growth and an upright plant habit making it a great choice for bunch growers.



# Plymouth

Plymouth is a new processing or fresh market spinach variety. It has smooth, medium-dark green leaves that are uniform in shape and size. Its upright plant habit makes it a good choice for processing growers or fresh market growers. Plymouth is a moderate to fast-growing variety and has great yield potential.



# Riverside

Riverside is a very dark green, smooth, spade-shaped baby leaf variety. It has a moderate growth rate and an upright plant habit. It is a perfect choice for west coast baby leaf growers who are looking for a premium quality product. In addition, Riverside has downy mildew resistance for growers who require a premium disease package.



# Countryside

Countryside is a beautiful dark green very uniform baby leaf spinach variety. It has thick smooth round oval leaves. Countryside has good holding ability for baby leaf and it has acceptable bolt tolerance for fresh market growers. Due to its moderate growth habit, it has performed well in many West Coast baby leaf growing slots.



### Darkside

Darkside is a new addition to our baby leaf spinach program. It has uniform dark green smooth round oval leaves. It has a nice upright plant habit. Darkside has thick leaves and good tonnage. It has a slow to moderate growth habit. It makes an excellent choice for baby leaf growers.



### Oceanside

Oceanside is a slow — moderate growing dark green spinach variety. It has nice thick leaves that are upright in plant habit. Oceanside has uniform smooth round /oval leaves. Oceanside is a versatile variety it can be used for baby leaf, bunch or clip.

### Seaside

Seaside is a very uniform baby leaf variety. It has a moderate growth rate and an upright plant habit. Seaside has a nice, smooth, thick, very dark green, spade-shaped leaf making it a perfect choice for baby leaf growers. Seaside also has downy mildew resistance for growers who require a premium disease package.



### SPINACH AT-A-GLANCE

| Variety            | Туре                                | Days to<br>Maturity from<br>Direct Seed* | Plant Type /<br>Leaf Shape                 | Leaf Color         | Bolting<br>Resistance | Disease<br>Resistance                             | Uses & Remarks   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| C2-606             | Baby Leaf                           | 20-25                                    | Upright / Smooth, spade                    | Dark green         | Excellent             | HR: Pfs: 1-9, 11-16,<br>18-19                     | This variety is a slower growing variety that is well suited for warmer planting slots.  Sales restrictions apply. |
| Countryside        | Baby Leaf,<br>clip, fresh           | 23-27                                    | Upright / Round, oval,<br>smooth           | Dark green         | Low                   | HR: Pfs: 1-12, 14-16, 19                          | Countryside has good holding ability for baby leaf and it has acceptable bolt tolerance for fresh market growers.  |
| Darkside           | Baby Leaf,<br>bunch, clip,<br>fresh | 27-32                                    | Upright / Smooth, oval,<br>round           | Dark green         | Low                   | HR: Pfs: 1-12, 14-16, 19                          | It makes an excellent choice for baby leaf growers.  |
| Oceanside          | Baby Leaf                           | 25-30                                    | Erect / Smooth, round, oval                | Dark green         | Low                   | HR: Pfs: 1-9, 11, 13,<br>15-16<br>IR: Pfs: 12, 14 | Oceanside is a versatile variety that can be used for baby leaf, bunch or clip.                                    |
| Riverside          | Baby Leaf /<br>Mature               | 25-30 / 35-40                            | Upright / Smooth, spade                    | Very dark<br>green | Moderate              | HR: Pfs: 1-11, 15-16, 19,<br>IR: 12, 14           | A very dark green, spade shape baby leaf variety.  |
| Seaside            | Baby Leaf /<br>Mature               | 25-30 / 35-40                            | Upright / Smooth, spade                    | Dark green         | Moderate              | HR: Pfs: 1-11, 15-16, 19,<br>IR: 12, 14           | A slow growing, smooth dark baby leaf variety.   |
| Tribute            | Baby Leaf                           | 20-25                                    | Upright / Erect, smooth, oval, round       | Dark green         | Low                   | HR: Pfs: 1-12, 14,16                              | Tribute is a new variety to our baby leaf product line.  |
| Imperial<br>Beach  | Bunch, fresh, clip                  | 35-40                                    | Upright / Smooth, Asian,<br>heavily-lobed  | Dark green         | Low                   | HR: Pfs: 1-11, 13, 15, 16                         | It has an upright plant habit making it easy to harvest.   |
| Imperial<br>Valley | Bunch, fresh, clip                  | 30-40                                    | Upright / Smooth,<br>slightly lobed, Asian | Dark green         | Low                   | HR: Pfs: 1-11, 13, 15, 16                         | It has fast growth and an upright plant habit making it a great choice for bunch growers.                          |
| Olympia            | Mature                              | 45-50                                    | Semi-upright / Smooth,<br>oval, elongated  | Green              | High                  | HR: Pfs: 1-3, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16             | A bolt tolerant variety for spring and summer production.  |
| Persius            | Mature                              | 45-50                                    | Semi Upright / Slightly lobed, smooth      | Green              | Moderate              | HR: Pfs: 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11-<br>12, 14, 16 & HR:Ao | Well suited for multi-cuts for processing markets.   |
| Plymouth           | Processing,<br>Mature               | 40-45                                    | Erect / Smooth                             | Dark green         | Low                   | HR: Pfs: 1-11, 13, 15, 16                         | Plymouth is a moderate to fast-growing variety and has great yield potential.                                      |

 $\label{eq:discrete_problem} \mbox{Disease terminology: HR} = \mbox{High Resistance, IR} = \mbox{Intermediate Resistance.} \mbox{ Disease code: Ao - White Rust, Pfs - Downy mildew.}$ 

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Days to Maturity are an approximation and may fluctuate due to varying planting times, location and conditions.