



Chicory Sweet Lady

Chicory witloof Sweet Lady is a new CMS hybrid and is a little bit shorter than Vintor. The heads of Sweet Lady have beautifully tapering foliage with long, continuous outer leaves and substantially shorter pith than chicory witloof Vintor. Another excellent advantage offered by Sweet Lady is its high degree of uniformity. (click on the pictures to enlarge).

Sweet Lady slightly shorter than Vintor

The heads of Sweet Lady are slightly shorter than Vintor and this variety has proven to be extremely reliable during the forcing period because it is highly manageable. Sweet Lady prefers somewhat higher forcing temperatures, so less cooling capacity is required in the forcing rooms during the summer. Compared with Vintor, Sweet Lady can be forced slightly earlier and its CMS characteristic makes it even more uniform. Sweet Lady is highly reliable for forcing until almost the end of the season.

Root content

It is important to obtain a root that has sufficient content and a sufficiently large diameter. To achieve this you need up to 170 days of growth or more. So it should be sown not too late in order to achieve these 170 days of growth towards the end of the growing season.



Key figures for Sweet Lady witloof chicory

Forcing period	mid season	late season
Sowing period*	normal	normal
Quantity of seed/ha	280-300.000	280-300.000
Optimum number of plants/ha	240-250.000	245-255.000
Growing days	160-170	170
Cold storage period (roots)	3-6 months	6-10 months
Cold storage temperature (roots)	-1 °C.	-1 °C.

The above figures should be interpreted as trends and depend on regional growing and operating conditions.

** The minimum 24-hour temperature for sowing is 12 °C. Avoid night frost.*

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