



Colorful New Table Beets

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The Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) is seeking commercial partners interested in developing three unique varieties of beets with bright swirling pigmentation.

Overview

Most table beets (*Beta vulgaris*) grown in the U.S. for fresh eating and processing are solid red in appearance. Beets with unusual features, such as cylindrical roots and striped 'Chioggia' patterning, have been available for several years and remain highly popular.

The modern surge in home gardening and locally grown produce has created new markets for unique and attractive vegetables.

The Invention

UW–Madison researchers have developed novel beet varieties called Badger Torch, Badger Sunset and Badger Flame. They are characterized by alternating red and yellow/orange rings and elongated/cylindrical shapes.

The plants have multigerm seeds, smooth orange skin, small crowns and green leaves with yellow petioles. The three varieties appear similar, but differ in root shape, color and tissue striping.

The new varieties were developed as part of the University of Wisconsin Table Beet Breeding Program. They are open-pollinated.

Seed is available for purchase from:

High Mowing Seeds

Row 7 Seeds

Applications

- Beets for fresh market and seed production

Key Benefits

- Attractive, one-of-a-kind coloration and shape

Additional Information

For More Information About the Inventors

- [Irwin Goldman](#)

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