

2001 W.Va. Vegetable Variety Trials – Dry Beans

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Eight counties participated in this trial. Average planting date was May 25. Sixty-six percent let the beans dry on the plants in the garden. Fifty percent of the Master Gardeners searched for variety information from seed companies.

DRY BEANS	<i>Black Turtle</i>	<i>Calypso</i>	<i>Great Northern</i>	<i>Jacob's Cattle</i>	<i>Hutterite</i>	<i>Red Kidney</i>	<i>Vermont</i>
Germination: 5 =excellent (90-100%), 4 =good (75-90%), 3 =average (60-75%) 2 = poor(40-60%),1=awful(<40%)	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.0
Following Germination How many plants did you have of each?	15.4	10.4	13.9	16.7	12.9	14.3	10.9
At Harvest: 30 inches of row yielded how many shelled dry beans for each variety?	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup	3/4 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup	3/4 cup
At Harvest: This variety's bean size was: 1 = very large, 2 = large, 3= average, 4 = small, 5 = very small	3.8	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.7
At Harvest: bean color was: 1 = white, 2 = tan, 3 = light red, 4 = dk red 5 = red/white, 6 = black/white, 7 = black	black	black/white	white	dark red/white	tan	dark red	dark red/white
At Harvest: average how many beans/pod: 1 = less than 2, 2 = 2, 3 = 3, 4 = 4, 5 = 5, 6 = more than 5	5.0	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.2	3.8
Cooked flavor was: 1 = very good, 2 = good, 3 = average, 4 = poor, 5 = awful	1.8	2.6	2.2	1.6	2.4	1.4	2.2
Cooked texture was: 1 = very good, 2 = good, 3 = average, 4 = poor, 5 = awful	1.8	2	1.8	1.6	2	1.6	2.2
Would you purchase this variety again?	40% yes	60% yes	80% yes	60% yes	20% yes	80% yes	80% yes
Overall Ranking: 1 = best, 7 = least	3.5	5.8	4	3.5	4	4.75	5.5
Comments: (please include comments on quality of beans in any dishes you cooked with them)	Hard to shell. Made good refried beans Great bean with rice.	Would grow for color Great soup bean	Nice bean. Used in bean soup, good!	This bean is excellent! Would grow for unique color.	Hard to shell Best flavor of all beans	Good chili bean. Good bean over all used in chili Very good yield	Used for refried beans. Good!