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# Swiss Chard Cultivars

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# ELDORADO: SWISS CHARD

- ✓ Eldorado is a classy Swiss chard variety.
- ✓ It has unique yellow-golden petioles paired with smooth, green leaves making it an attractive variety for baby leaf, fresh market growers and home gardeners
- ✓ Eldorado has an upright plant habit and a high bolt tolerance which results in easy harvesting.



# ELDORADO: SWISS CHARD

## CHARACTERISTICS

<b>BOLT RESISTANCE</b>	Excellent
<b>EXTERIOR COLOR</b>	Yellow, Gold
<b>LEAF CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Smooth
<b>MARKET USE</b>	Bunch, Multi, Fresh, Baby Leaf
<b>LEAF COLOR</b>	Green
<b>PETIOLE COLOR</b>	Orange, Bright Yellow
<b>PLANT HABIT</b>	Upright



# BULL'S BLOOD

- ✓ Bull's Blood is an heirloom variety characterized by its deep reddish-purple leaf and petiole color.
- ✓ It has an upright plant habit and good bolt tolerance.
- ✓ It is an excellent variety for baby leaf or spring mix.
- ✓ Bull's Blood exhibits its best color under cool weather conditions.
- ✓ Organic and non-organic seeds available.



# ELDORADO: SWISS CHARD

## CHARACTERISTICS

<b>BOLT RESISTANCE</b>	Moderate
<b>EXTERIOR COLOR</b>	Red, Bright Red
<b>INTERIOR COLOR</b>	Bright Red
<b>LEAF CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Smooth
<b>LEAF COLOR</b>	Dark Red
<b>MARKET USE</b>	Clip, Bunch, Specialty, Baby Leaf, Fresh, Multi
<b>PETIOLE COLOR</b>	Red



# SILVERADO: SWISS CHARD

- ✓ SILVERADO: SWISS CHARD
- ✓ Silverado is a slower growing Swiss chard variety.
- ✓ It has nice white petioles paired with dark green, glossy leaves.
- ✓ It is a perfect choice for any baby leaf or fresh market grower.
- ✓ Silverado is a bolt tolerant



# SILVERADO: SWISS CHARD

## CHARACTERISTICS

<b>BOLT RESISTANCE</b>	Very High
<b>LEAF CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Savoy, Glossy
<b>MARKET USE</b>	Specialty, Multi, Bunch, Fresh, Baby Leaf
<b>LEAF COLOR</b>	Dark Green
<b>PETIOLE COLOR</b>	White
<b>RELATIVE MATURITY</b>	Late
<b>UNIFORMITY</b>	Very Uniform





# STAR 1801: SWISS CHARD

- ✓ A high-yielding variety with outstanding leaf-quality
- ✓ Productive plant - high yield potential
- ✓ Thick leaves - increased shelf life
- ✓ Uniform plants - ease of harvest
- ✓ Low fibre in stem - easier to cut
- ✓ Dark green leaves - presents well on shelf



# STAR 1801: SWISS CHARD

## Type:

- ✓ STAR 1801 is a frilly leafed Swiss chard.

## Maturity:

- ✓ 40 - 60 days after sowing depending on weather conditions.

## Plant Characteristics:

- ✓ Very productive plants.
- ✓ Large dark green leaves.
- ✓ Low fibre white midrib.
- ✓ Thick curled leaves for better shelf



# FORDHOOK GIANT: SWISS CHARD CULTIVARS

- Fast growing: 40 - 60 days after sowing depending on weather conditions
- It has white petioles with large, semi-savoy, green leaves.
- It is a bolt tolerant variety and has an upright plant habit.
- Fordhook Giant is the perfect choice for fresh market growers or home gardeners.



# FORDHOOK GIANT: SWISS CHARD CULTIVARS

## CHARACTERISTICS

<b>BOLT RESISTANCE</b>	Very High
<b>LEAF CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Semi-Savoy
<b>MARKET USE</b>	Bunch, Fresh
<b>LEAF COLOR</b>	Dark Green
<b>PETIOLE COLOR</b>	White
<b>PLANT HABIT</b>	Upright
<b>RELATIVE MATURITY</b>	Mid



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