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Breeding Biography of a Biodynamic Variety



Butterhead lettuce

ZULU

German Plant Variety Registry Code: **SAK 725**

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Breeder:

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Variety Description:

ZULU is a lighter green Butterhead lettuce with a densely-filled, flavorful head that is notable for its earliness and mildew tolerance. It is suitable for early spring cultivation (planting from January to early March) under glass or plastic.

Breeding History:

The variety was developed starting in 2005 from a crossed type of the varieties LARISSA and BRIWERI. In comparative cultivation trials with other early Butterheads, the variety has proven itself over the many years and has been improved annually using single plant progeny selection. The healthy, well-aerated undersides coupled with a stable mildew tolerance were characteristics distinguished during problematic years. After 7 generations of single plant progeny selection the variety was submitted to the German Plant Variety Registry.

The variety was approved in 2014. Maintenance breeding is carries out at Piluweri Vegetable Farm. The organization of the multiplication and commercialization of sale seed is, among other things, the responsibility of the Bingenheimer Saatgut AG.