



ROXANA NF205*

Roxana 

Data referring to Emilia-Romagna region

Plant

The plant is very vigorous and rustic, also suitable for poor soils, always grants large yields with peaks of 1,5 kg per plants. It prefers a continental climate and is suitable for all growing techniques: spring, spring-autumn, soilless cultivation. It is considered the best variety for autumn cultivation, both in soil and soilless due to its productivity, fruit size and capacity to colour even when exposed to insufficient lighting and low temperatures.

Flowering & Picking

Late flowering (+6 days Alba) that can be delayed further in late, cold winters. Medium-late picking (+8/10 Alba).

Fruit

Very large fruit, about 30 g average weight; this ensures reduced picking costs. Conical shape, very attractive, bright red skin and light red flesh. It is possible to anticipate spring picking by a few days and improve the fruit quality by using plug plants for the Summer plantation. Excellent taste in the Autumn production.

Agronomic Advices

For Spring productions, plant distance should be large (35x35 cm) and calcium chelate should be used from flowering stage in order to improve shelf-life. Plants should be irrigated only after picking and with reduced water volumes. Roxana is slightly susceptible to *Collectotrichum acutatum* (Antracnose) and due to its high productivity, in bad weather conditions, could show Botrytis.