



Georgia Department of Agriculture
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To all Vidalia® Onion growers, packers, and seed suppliers,

Every year, the University of Georgia Vidalia Onion and Vegetable Research Center evaluates new onion varieties for consideration to be added to the Vidalia Onion Approved Variety List. New varieties must be evaluated for three consecutive years to be eligible for addition to the list. Once the varieties have passed the evaluation process, the director of UGA Extension may propose their addition to the Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture. Continued participation in evaluation trials at the VOVRC is also a requirement to remain on the Variety List.

This year, (1) new onion variety has been added to the variety list:

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| 1. XON-106Y | Sakata |
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Three onion varieties have also been suggested for removal because these varieties have not been reported as planted by Vidalia onion growers since the 2022-23 season. These varieties that have been suggested for deletion will not be permanently removed from the variety list this season. With no objections, these varieties will be permanently removed from the 2026-27 Vidalia Onion Approved Variety List.

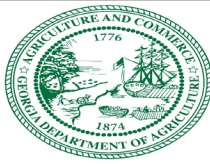
The (3) varieties suggested for removal from the 2026-27 Approved Variety List:

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| 1. Georgia Boy DP Seeds | Not reported planted since 2022-23 season |
| 2. Quick Start Vilmorin Mikado | Not reported planted since 2022-23 season |
| 3. Century Seminis | Not reported planted since 2022-23 season |

The rule section pertaining to Vidalia onion varieties in the Georgia Rules has been included in this letter. An updated variety will be available and also mailed to everyone who registers as a Vidalia onion grower or packer every year once the list has been finalized.

If you have any questions about the onion varieties or the approval process, feel free to contact me at (478) 484-9009 or by email at lee.lancaster@agr.georgia.gov.

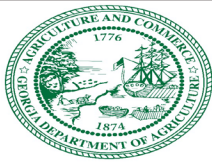
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Rule 40-7-8-.03.1 Vidalia Onions Varieties Allowed to Be Grown

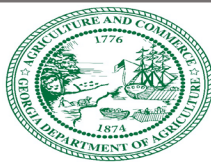
- (a) Upon recommendation of the Director of the Experiment Stations of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences of the University of Georgia, the Commissioner will authorize onion varieties to be included as a "Vidalia onion variety" as defined in Rule 40-7-8-.02(g) and to be planted and marketed as Vidalia onions or Vidalia green onions. The authorized onion varieties will be listed and published online at <http://agr.georgia.gov>, as well as on the Vidalia grower/packer application, and will be updated as necessary.
- (b) Any and all onion varieties not included on the published list referenced in paragraph (a) above are specifically limited and excluded from being planted and marketed as Vidalia onions or Vidalia green onions.
- (c) No onion variety shall be listed as an authorized variety until it shall have completed three years of testing by the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences of the University of Georgia to evaluate shape, color, pungency, sugars, and other factors characteristic of Vidalia onions and is recommended for inclusion as a Vidalia onion by the Director of the Experiment Stations of said College.
- (d) In addition to the criteria established by the Director of the Experiment Stations of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences of the University of Georgia for making his/her recommendation, the following guidelines will be considered by, but not limit, the Commissioner in reviewing the recommendations of the Director for the authorization of additional varieties or limitation of existing varieties:
 - (1) Any proposed new variety must be registered by the seed producer with the Department prior to commencement of any official test trials by a seed producer, onion grower, or the Director; such registration shall include, without limitation, the proposed name and test identification number, results of seed producer tests, and other relevant data; in the case of varieties being tested at or before the effective date of this rule, such registration shall be within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this rule.
 - (2) The seed producer shall furnish the Director with a representative quantity, as determined by the Director, of the new variety and of any existing approved variety for testing by an annual deadline set by the Director.
 - (3) The test period shall be three (3) consecutive years in University test trials. Test plots on individual farms (either by the seed producer, an onion grower or the Director) shall be limited to 0.07 acres (approximately 3,000 square feet) for each variety, which shall be clearly identified and segregated from plantings of approved Vidalia varieties and



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reported in writing by January 15th of the harvest year to the Department with appropriate lay-out maps showing the location thereof. At the completion of each test trial from an individual farm, the test plots must be completely destroyed and under no circumstances may any onions from said plots be introduced into the marketplace or sold as Vidalia onions or Vidalia green onions.

- (4) Prior to planting test plots, seed producers shall furnish, in writing, to the Department the names and locations of all growers where test trials are to be conducted.



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2025 Vidalia Onion Approved Variety List, Seed Company, and VOVRC trial status

Variety	Company	Status
1. 369, a.k.a J3009	Bejo	In good standing
2. Allison	Bejo	In good standing
3. Macon	Bejo	In good standing
4. Maragoji	Bejo	In good standing
5. Pirate	Bejo	In good standing
6. Tania, a.k.a. J3016	Bejo	In good standing
7. OSYF10-4021	Crookham	In good standing
8. OSYF12-7091	Crookham	In good standing
9. DP 1407	DP Seeds	In good standing
10. Early Sweet	DP Seeds	In good standing
11. Sapelo Sweet	DP Seeds	In good standing
12. EMY 55126	Emerald	In good standing
13. Emy 55455	Emerald	In good standing
14. EMY 55457	Emerald	In good standing
15. Miss Anabelle (aka 10258)	Hazera	In good standing
16. 1011	Nunhems	In good standing
17. Vidora, a.k.a. NUN 1003	Nunhems	In good standing
18. Plethora, a.k.a. NUN 1006	Nunhems	In good standing
19. Nun 1014 (aka Nun 5901)	Nunhems	In good standing
20. Gilmore 26	Pike	In good standing
21. SON 404Y (aka XON 404Y)	Sakata	In good standing
22. XON-106Y	Sakata	New Addition for 2025-26
23. Granex Yellow PRR	Seminis	In good standing
24. Sweet Agent	Seminis	In good standing
25. Sweet Azalea, a.k.a. SV 3524	Seminis	In good standing
26. Sweet Magnolia, a.k.a. SV 4790	Seminis	In good standing
27. Candy Ann	Solar	In good standing
28. Candy Joy, a.k.a SH1110	Solar	In good standing
29. Candy Kim	Solar	In good standing
30. Super Ex, a.k.a. CSC 500	Takii	In good standing
31. Fast Track, a.k.a. 3253	Vilmorin Mikado	In good standing
32. Quick Start	Vilmorin Mikado	Slated for removal 2026-27
33. Century	Seminis	Slated for removal 2026-27
34. Georgia Boy	DP Seeds	Slated for removal 2026-27