



# BROCCOLI

## Harvest Guide 2024 Lockyer Valley Queensland



**SOUTH PACIFIC SEEDS**  
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VARIETY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Atomic Precision		T/P		H								
Brumby		T/P		H								
Alucia		T/P		H								
Aurora			T/P		H			T/P			H	
Overland				T/P			H					
Fusion					T/P			H				
Solitaire					T/P			H				
Bravo CMS					T/P			H				

T/P Transplant    H Harvest

DIRECT SOWING: Allow an extra 2-3 weeks depending on the time of year.

"Buttoning" or premature flowering can occur in young broccoli plants primarily in the spring timeslot. This is caused by stress to the seedlings either at the nursery stage or soon after transplanting from a range of factors including exposure to cold temperatures, extra/rapid hardening of the plants and wet/dry soil conditions. This problem is more pronounced in districts with cooler late winter/spring temperatures. Some varieties are more susceptible than others. However, even varieties that normally would not present with a significant issue in most years could still show symptoms under some conditions as noted. "Blindness" is a condition whereby the growing point of a seedling/young plant is damaged thereby preventing the production of a marketable head. Several factors can cause this including low and high temperatures, insect damage as well as non-recommended high levels of chemicals or fertilisers. At times, symptoms may not express in the nursery but rather in the field, several weeks after transplanting.

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**ATOMIC  
PRECISION**

ATOMIC is an early maturing variety which handles summer/autumn harvest. ATOMIC produces blue-green dome-shaped heads with a fine bead and good weight. ATOMIC is not suited for spring harvest in cooler climates.



**BRUMBY**

BRUMBY is a versatile, mid maturing warm weather type which is very uniform and has good weight, with a fine bead and high quality domed heads. BRUMBY is suitable for summer and autumn harvest and has exceptional colour under warm conditions.



**ALUCIA**

ALUCIA is suitable for summer harvest, featuring heavy and firm dome-shaped heads, excellent tolerance to hollow stem and a nice dark, blue-green colour. ALUCIA has good holding ability, is early to mature and the uniform heads weigh approx. 380-400 grams, with medium-sized, tight beads.



**AURORA**

AURORA is an improved Atomic type with early maturity (approx. 60 days from transplant) and is suited for autumn to early winter harvest. AURORA has a dome-shaped head and strong tolerance to hollow stem with excellent head weight, fine bead size and dark green colour. AURORA has shown less susceptibility to White Rust (Ac) in plantings to date.



**OVERLAND**

OVERLAND is a firm holding, cool season variety with good head weight and a blue-green colour bead. It is a later maturing Aurora type with better cold tolerance at maturity, low set dome-shaped heads and medium bead. OVERLAND shows good uniformity at maturity, is non-purpling and has good tolerance to hollow stem. There may be some blindness issues in certain cool-cold locations from a late winter/spring transplant.



**FUSION**

FUSION is a compact, medium, dome-shaped broccoli with excellent uniformity, a fine bead and good weight of approx. 320g. It is an attractive dark blue-green colour with mid elevated heads and little or no side shoots for easy harvesting. FUSION is a firm holding, mid to late maturing variety and has shown very good tolerance to Hollow Stem and White Rust in plantings to date.



**SOLITAIRE**

SOLITAIRE is a winter and shoulder season variety with good uniformity and a nice high, dome-shaped head. SOLITAIRE produces a very fine bead, heavy and firm tight heads, with good weight and holding ability. SOLITAIRE has nil side shoots in plantings to date and shows good tolerance to blindness in spring.



**BRAVO CMS**

BRAVO is a winter/spring harvest variety with a vigorous upright plant habit, thick stem, small to medium bead and well domed head, featuring exceptional weight and quality. BRAVO is suited to higher density planting and is later maturing (90-95 days from transplant).