

New swede cultivar

Virtue (SS17): Virtue was placed on the UK National List and granted Plant Breeders' Rights on 19 March 1997. It is an F6 family which was produced by single seed descent from a cross made in 1985 between a line from cv. Criffel and one from cv. Marian. Virtue was selected primarily as a shopping swede, but can be fed to livestock. It has an attractive purple skin, circular shape and yellow flesh, at a low to medium dry matter content (similar to cv. Marian). Its powdery mildew resistance is also similar to that of cv. Marian, but it has a higher dry matter yield. Virtue is being marketed by Sharpes International Seeds Ltd.

