

Auckland

2024/25 summary

- Valiant gave the best economic result in the September to Xmas time period
- Victor gave the second best economic performance in that period
- Warrior is better than Victor in the early season but overall not as good and overall not as good as Fronteras.
- Ventana is still the best early fruit producer

Trial details

Planted on 22nd May 2024 at Anthony Rakich's home block (west Auckland) in coir bags on uncovered tables. Harvest started on 16th September and continued until 22nd December. Fruit was picked mostly 3 times/week and only marketable fruit was weighed and counted. Pricing was assigned each week by using the wholesale price Anthony received for his commercial fruit on the same week.



Results

Auckland: Total yield, value and size to Xmas. Average of all plant suppliers

Variety	g/plant	\$/plant	Fruit size (g)
Valiant	667	\$ 7.22	28.7
Victor	745	\$ 6.76	27.0
Ventana	633	\$ 6.50	20.3
Fronteras	625	\$ 5.70	27.6
Warrior	530	\$ 5.07	25.1
Royal Royce	491	\$ 4.86	25.9
Camarosa	517	\$ 4.80	20.6
Monterey	492	\$ 4.60	25.0
Moxie	426	\$ 4.44	31.2

Historical yields g/plant

	Camarosa	Monterey	Ventana	Fronteras	Moxie	Royal Royce	Valiant	Victor	Warrior
2018	408	350	490						
2019	513	499	615						
2020	668	692	729	544					
2021	527	474	654	555					
2022	480	498	710	490	459	475	512	660	596
2023	822	512	747	467	486	528	692	595	456
2024	517	492	633	467	426	491	667	745	530

Some of the year to year variation is a reflection of a change in growing system from in ground to table tops (from 2022) and the subsequent standardisation of plant spacing

Earliness

Yield to 20th Oct	g/plant
Camarosa	42.7
Fronteras	52.5
Monterey	44.2
Moxie	16.0
Royal Royce	81.4
Valiant	75.5
Ventana	141.3
Victor	64.9
Warrior	71.6

Clearly, Ventana is substantially better yielding in early season. Early yield would be further enhanced with earlier planting than was achieved in this trial.