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A biofortified pomegranate variety from ICAR-NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur

Solapur Lal

Salient features:

Parentage	: Bhagawa x [(Ganesh x Nana) x Daru]
Maturity period	: 160-165 days, matures 15-20 days earlier than Bhagawa
No. of fruits/tree	: 130-140
Potential yield	: 35-39 kg/tree
Size	: Slightly lesser than Bhagawa
TSS	: 17.5-17.7° Brix
Aril colour	: Deep Red
Rind colour	: Deep Red
Rind thickness	: Medium thick
Vitamin-C	: Significantly higher than Bhagawa
Anthocyanins	: Significantly higher than Bhagawa
Iron	: Significantly higher than Bhagawa
Zinc	: Significantly higher than Bhagawa
Seed texture	: Harder than Bhagawa
Reaction to Bacterial blight	: Similar to Bhagawa
Purpose	: Processing (Juice, value addition), Table purpose

Note: The above values are based on standard package of practices for Bhagawa; values may improve after implementation of POP (to be standardized) for Solapur Lal

