REGISTRATION OF SPANTEX PEANUT

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'SPANTEX' (Arachis hypogaea L.) is a typical Spanish peanut with flesh colored testa, small seed (3,030/kg) and pods, distinctive pod retractions, two seed per pod, no appreciable seed dormancy, upright plant growth, 11 flowering on the main stem. The plants mature in 115 to 125 days, depending upon moisture and temperature conditions. Spantex has no known resistance to any disease or insect pests commonly known to attack peanuts.

The shells of Spantex are relatively thin (but slightly thicker than the old 'common Spanish'), which generally results in a high turn-out of kernels. Pod constriction between the two seed is moderate with the two seed rarely touching at maturity. Spantex originated from a single plant selection made at the Plant Disease Laboratory of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) at Stockdale, Texas, in 1939 or 1940. Shortly before the laboratory was closed in 1945, the selection was given to a grower who maintained the line for several years. Subsequently, personnel of the West Cross Timbers Experiment Station, Stephenville, Texas, made mass selections of plants of the predominant type and initiated performance trials at TAES, Stephenville, in 1945. The selection proved to be at least 10 percent higher yielding and was earlier than common Spanish. The line was named Spantex and released in 1948.

Breeder seed of Spantex is maintained at the Texas A&M University-Tarleton Experiment Station, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

REGISTRATION OF STARR PEANUT

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The 'STARR' peanut (Arachis hypogaea L.) is a Spanish type with flesh colored testa, medium sized seed (2,680/kg) and pods and too appreciable seed dormancy. Starr generally has two seed per pod with a large percentage of the pods produced at the base of the plants. Peg attachments to the pods are somewhat weaker than those of other varieties. Pod constriction is moderate but generally less than 'Spantex,' with most of the pods having the two seed touching at maturity. The shells are thicker than those of Spantex. The maturity range is 115 to 130 days from the base of the plants. Peg attachments to the pods are somewhat weaker than those of Spantex. The plants mature in 115 to 125 days, depending upon moisture and temperature conditions. Spantex has no known resistance to any disease or insect pests commonly known to attack peanuts.

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REGISTRATION OF MELOLAND GRAIN SORGHUM

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'MELOLAND' grain sorghum (Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench) was developed at the Imperial Valley Field Station, University of California, El Centro, California, from a cross of 'Imperial Kafir' x 'Double Dwarf 38' milo in 1954 and backcrossed to Imperial Kafir the following year. The cultivar was developed from a selfed, single-head selection in 1958 and tested as line IV 591399 beginning in 1959. It was released in 1965.

Meloland averaged from 19 cm (48 in.) in April plantings to 21 cm (53 in.) tall when planted in July 0.5 to 1.0 taller than RS 610 or Double Dwarf 38. The stem is thick, dry, and has few tillers. Leaves are dark green, wide, and there are 15 to 16 per plant at maturity. Panicles (heads) are erect and semi-lax; they vary in size depending on stand and are generally similar to 'Comet.' The Double Dwarf 38 is lower than RS 610. Glumes are pubescent (hairy), brown to black in color, and medium-length with awns. Kernels are starchy, brownish-white in color, and thresh freely. Meloland matures 7 to 8 days later than 'RS 610,' a medium-maturing hybrid. It has shown a high degree of resistance to anthracnose in tests at Experiment, Georgia. Meloland is a R line.

Grain yield information on Meloland was obtained from 6 years of testing at the Imperial Valley Field Station and from several tests at other locations in Imperial and Palo Verde Valleys.

In a 4-year comparison Meloland produced 8,934, 6,965, and 7,428 kg/ha with an average of 77.4% of RS 610 (4,483 kg/ha), with an average of 77.4% of RS 610 (4,483 kg/ha). This compares to Double Dwarf 38 production of 7,428, 7,101, and 5,659 kg/ha and RS 610 production of 8,311, 5,384, and 4,909 kg/ha, respectively. In one trial there were only 0.18 to 921 kg/ha difference between Meloland and the better hybrid yields when planted in April. The largest difference occurred at the July 15 planting when the average yield of five hybrids was 3,214 kg/ha compared to 7,399 kg/ha for Meloland.

Meloland was included in the 1964 Regional Nursery at 28 locations excluding Imperial Valley Field Station. Yields ranged from 9% of RS 610 (3,887 kg/ha) to 150% of RS 610 (896 kg/ha), with an average of 77.4% of RS 610 (4,483 kg/ha). Meloland is a high-yielding heat-resistant cultivar (not hybrid) of grain sorghum for the Imperial Valley and the irrigated low desert areas of California and Arizona. It is especially adapted to June and early July plantings, although excellent yields can be obtained from earlier seeding.

One generation each of foundation, registered, and certified seed is recognized for Meloland. Breeder seed will be maintained by the Agronomy Department, Imperial Valley Field Station, El Centro, California 92243. Other information on Meloland was published in Imperial Valley Field Station crop reports Nos. 11-19, 1963-1968, and 'Meloland Grain Sorghum,' Calif. Agr. Exp. Ext., Leaflet 192, 1966.

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