



RECOMMENDATION SHEET

FBS 2

A locally developed stringless snap bean variety

Outstanding Qualities

- Round and stringless pods
- Slow seed development in pods
- High yield potential
- Suitable for salad and cooking



FBS 2 is a bush snap bean variety developed locally from a cross between Long Tom and Sodwana. It has a high yield potential with attractive light green fleshy pods that are round and stringless. This makes the variety suitable for both cooking and salad. The pods are harvested at 2-3 days interval but can also be harvested after 3- 5 days given that the mature pods are slow in seed development. FBS 2 is recommended for commercial cultivation as an alternative to imported green bean varieties.

Characteristics	FBS 2
Parentage	Long Tom x Sodwana
Growth habit	Determinate
Plant type	Bush
Flower colour	White
Days to 50% flowering	32 - 34
Days to harvest	44 - 48
Crop cycle (days)	65 - 70
Harvest interval (days)	2 - 3
Number of harvests per crop cycle	7 - 9
Pod colour	Light Green
Pod shape	Round
Pod length (cm)	13 - 15
Pod diameter (mm)	8 - 10
Number of pods/plant	35 - 40
Pod yield (t/ha)*	13 - 15
Disease susceptibility	Similar to Long Tom

* Yield may vary with management practices and agro-climatic factors