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Karita Green Field Pea

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Karita green pea was developed by Svalof Weibull of Svalof, Sweden. Breeders seed is maintained by Svalof and ProGene L.L.C. of Othello, Washington. ProGene is representative of the variety in the Western U.S. west of the Rockie Mountains. Karita was first tested in North Idaho replicated trials in 1995.

Karita characteristics noted in the selection process in North Idaho are:

- a. A semi-leafless or afilia variety
- b. Mid season or slightly earlier in the dryland areas of North Idaho and Eastern Washington
- c. Begins bloom on node 15 to 16
- d. Karita is not resistant to Wilt Race 1
- e. Karita is intermediate for indeterminance with height in the 1997 trials being 29 inches while Columbian was 51 inches and Majoret 26 inches
- f. Consistent round light green seed of about 230 gm/1,000 seeds depending on the favorableness of the conditions for the year
- g. White flowers are predominantly double podded
- h. Plants are medium green in color
- i. Plants stay standing very well through harvest

In the Western U.S. early generation stock seed is maintained by proGene L.L.C. of Othello, Washington. Subsequent generations of stock will be maintained by Stubbs Seed Services of Moscow, Idaho or other seed houses authorized by ProGene and Stubbs Seed Services.