



**2023/2024 Eggplant Cultivar Trial**  
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# Field Operations

Seeded : May 8, 2023

May 9, 2024

Transplanted: June 30, 2023

May 31, 2024

12 plants per plot

15" in-row spacing

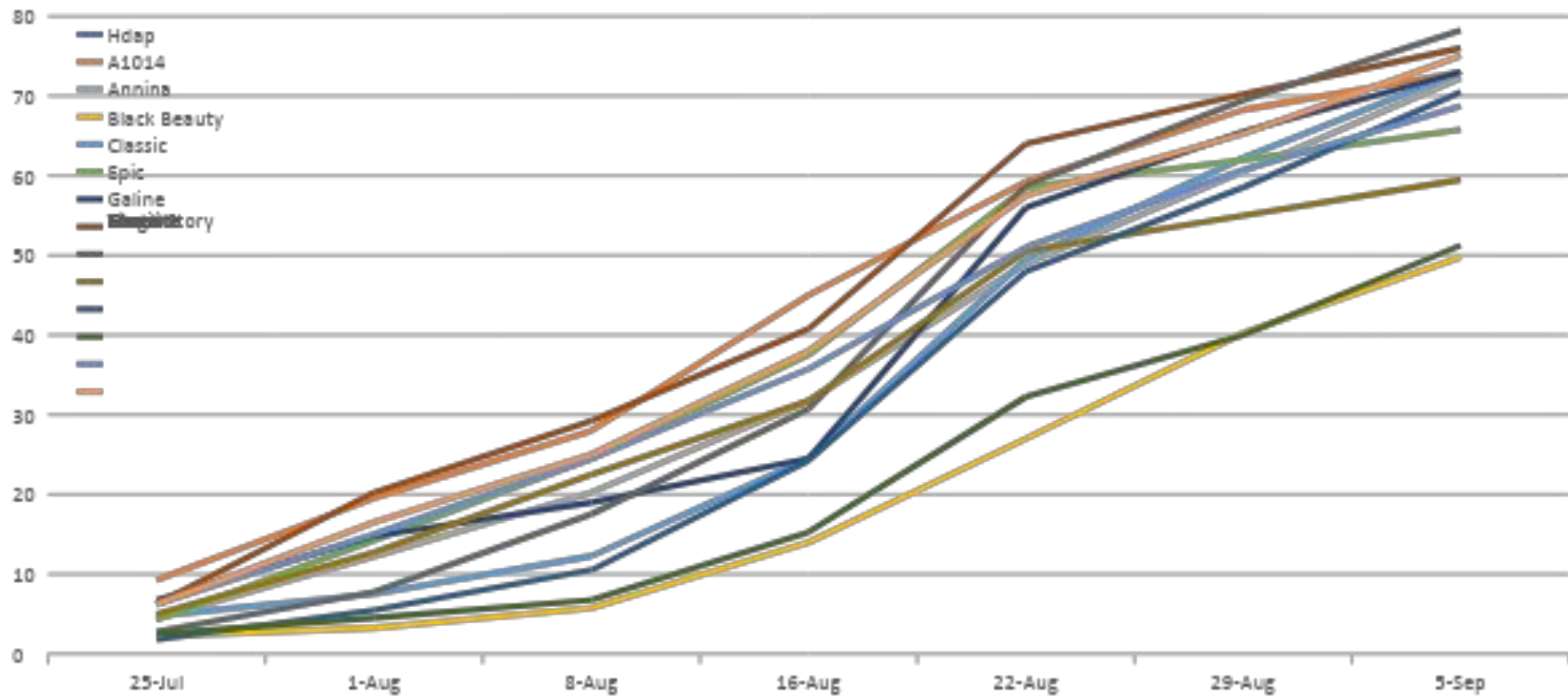
Center 10 plants harvested for data

Harvest Dates:

2023	2024
6-Sep	25-Jul
12-Sep	1-Aug
20-Sep	8-Aug
26-Sep	16-Aug
4-Oct	22-Aug
11-Oct	29-Aug
16-Oct	5-Sep



## 2024 Cumulative Yield



# Epic

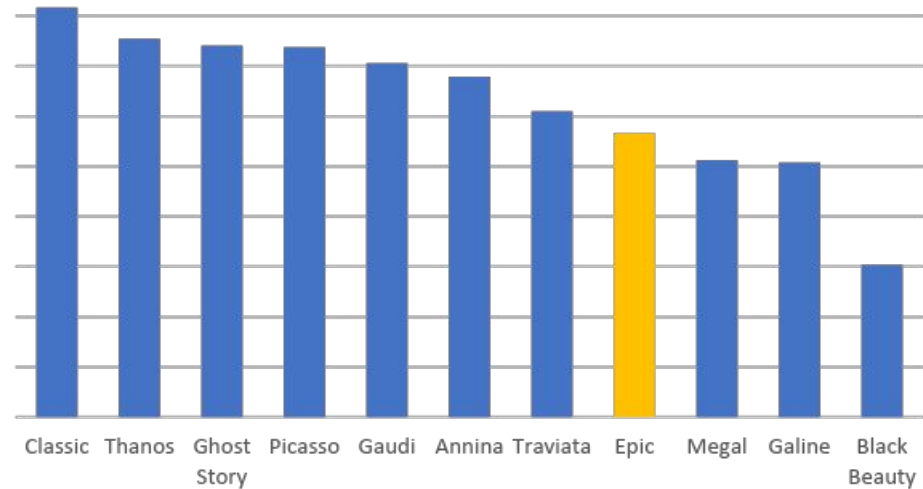
Upright erect plant

Easy to harvest

Spiney, green calyx

Good uniformity

Teardrop cylindrical



# Classic

Strong vigorous plant

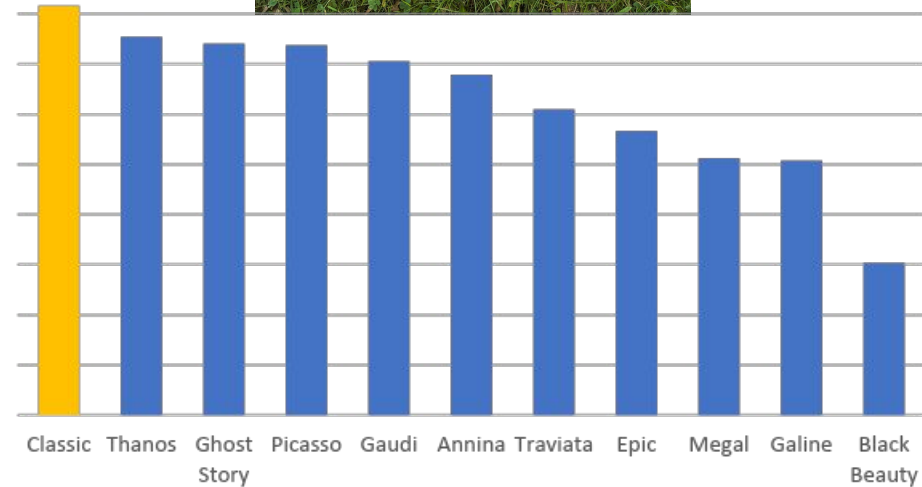
Spiney plant

Late - Mid season

Green calyx

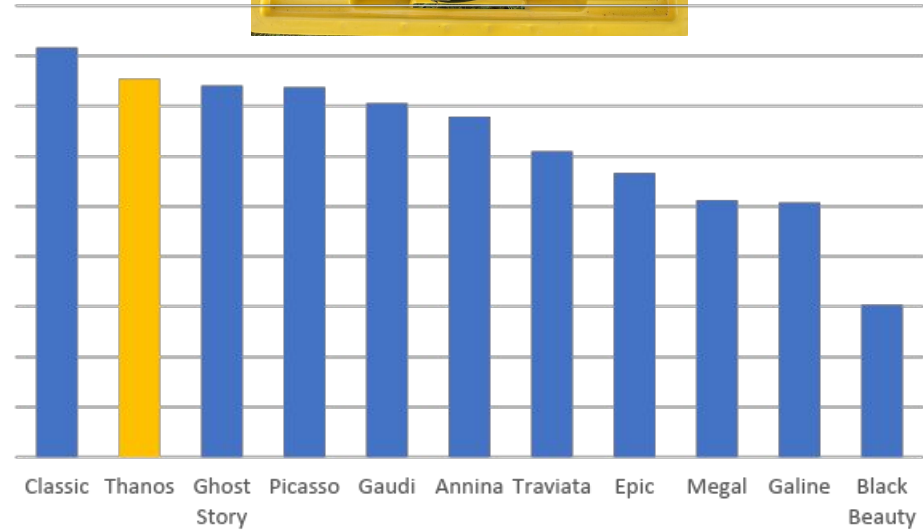
Refined uniform shape

Excellent color and gloss



# Thanos

- Strong vigorous plant
- Green spineless calyx
- Continuous fruit set
- Good color
- Florida highbush type



# Picasso

Strong vigorous plant

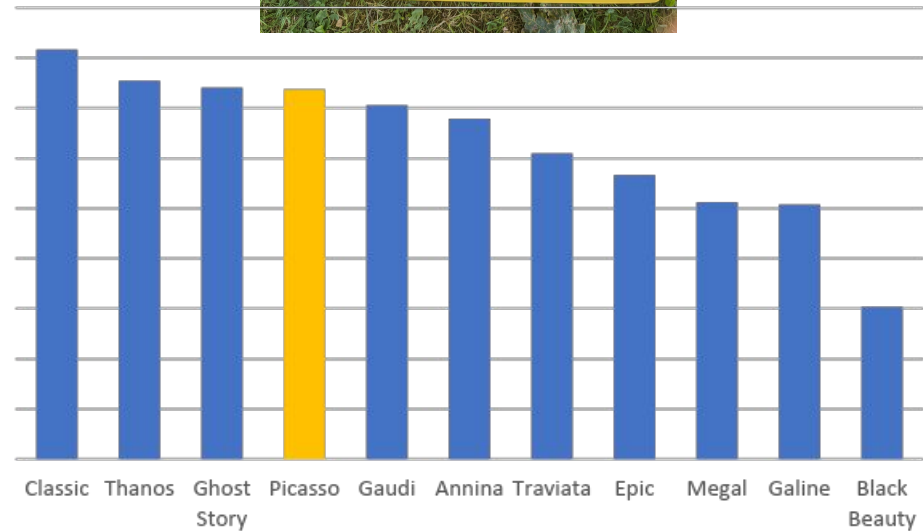
Continuous fruit set

Late – Mid season

Green spineless calyx

Refined uniform shape

Excellent color and gloss



# Anniana

Strong vigorous plant

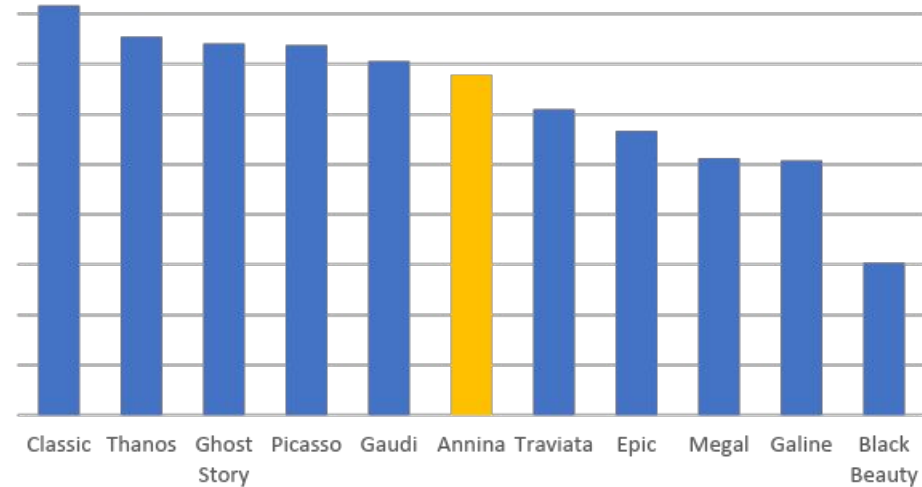
Mid season

Green spineless calyx

Refined uniform shape

Excellent color and gloss

Organic seed available





# Gaude

Upright erect plant

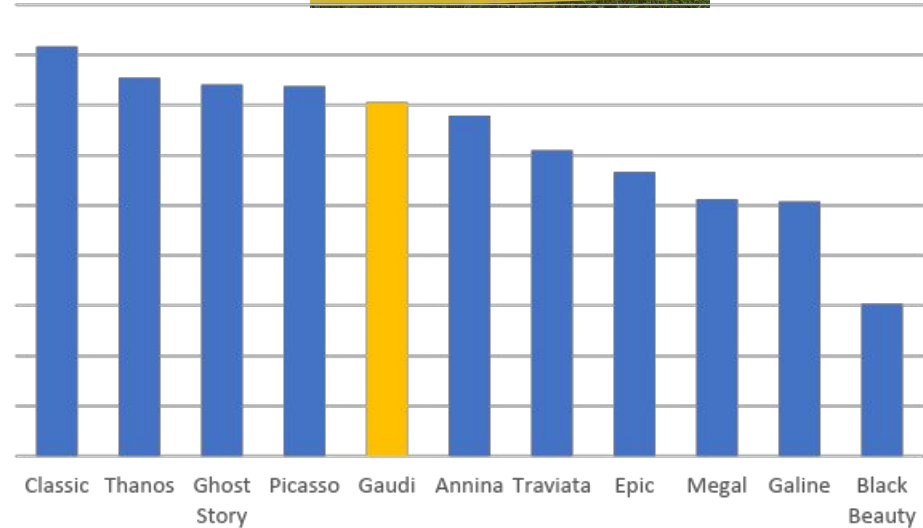
Easy to harvest

Spineless, green calyx

Good uniformity

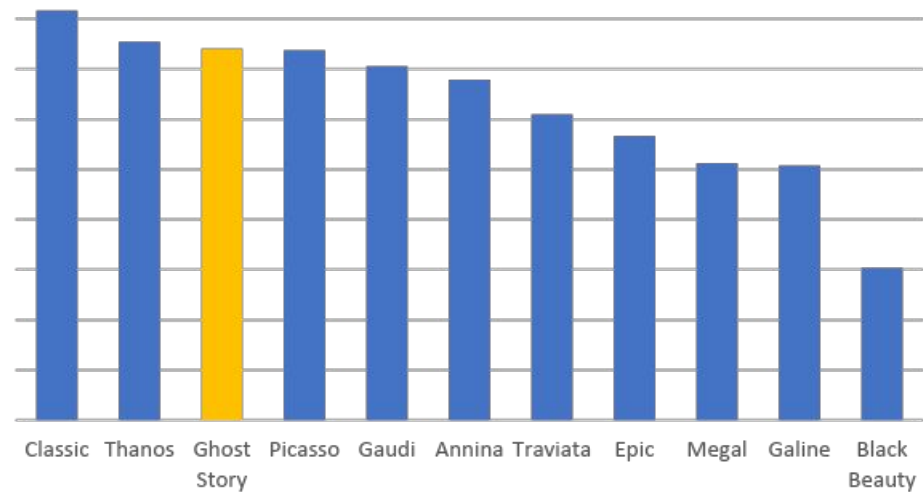
Very dark color bulby, teardrop

Organic seed available



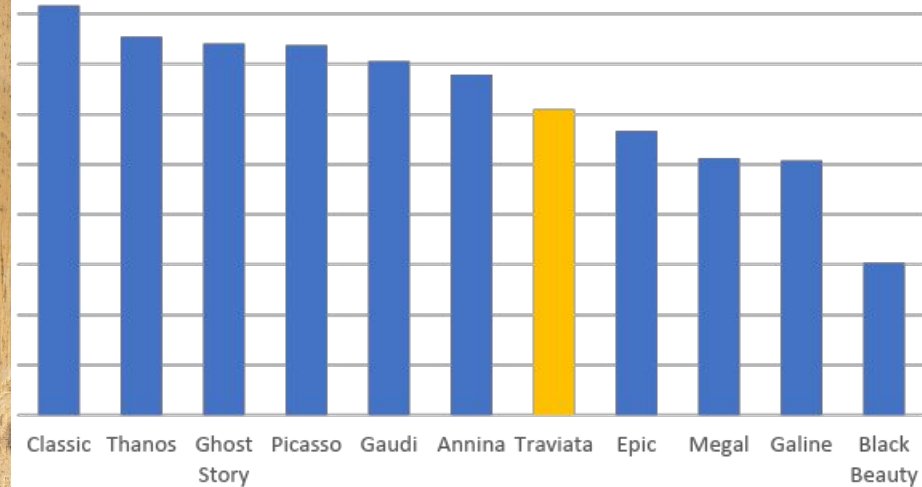
# Ghost Story

- Strong vigorous leafy plant
- Difficult to harvest, Long peduncle
- Mid season
- Continuous fruit set
- Green calyx, mostly spineless
- Shape variable
- Seed slow to develop



# Traviata

- Upright erect plant
- Unattractive Spineless, green calyx
- Variable shape
- Very dark color Not glossy
- Organic seed available



# Megal

Upright erect tall plant

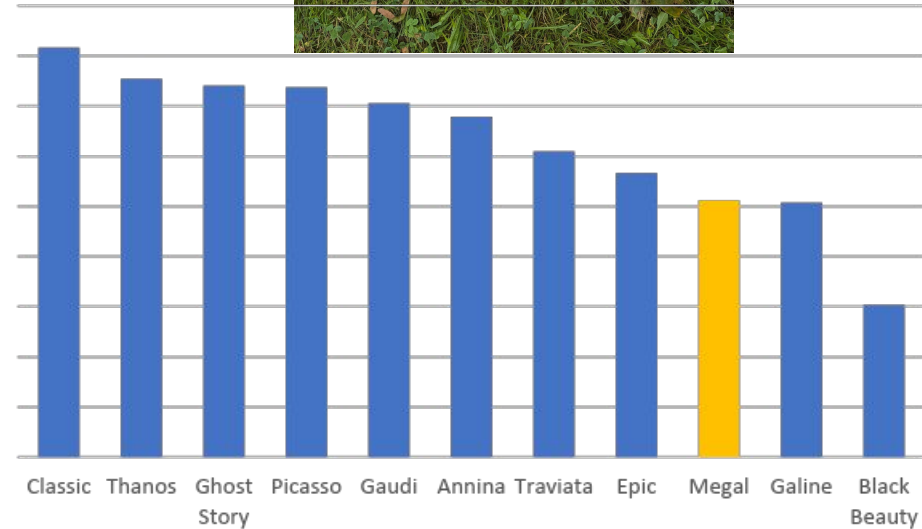
Green calyx

Long Italian type 7-9"

Can be harvested at small size

Good color and gloss

Many culls due to anthracnose on fruit



# Galine

Strong vigorous plant

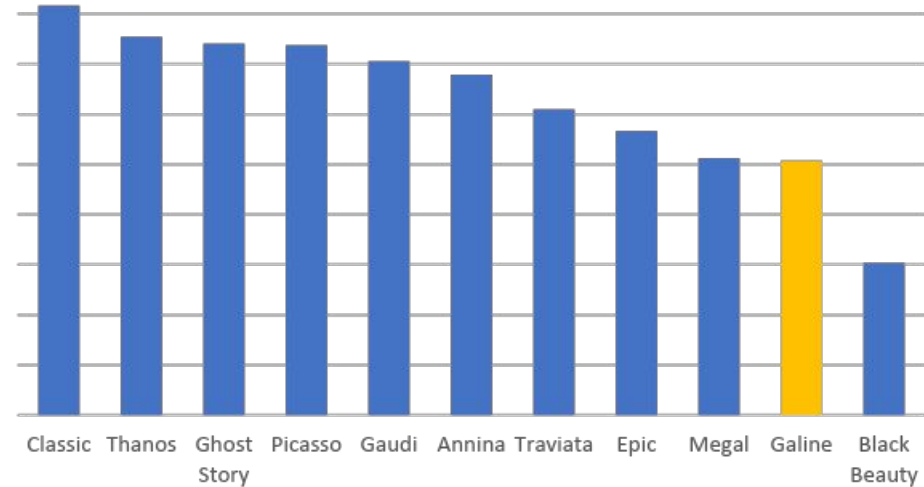
Spiney plant and calyx

Mid season

Green calyx, Fair color and gloss

Smaller fruit more attractive

Poor blossom end



# Black Beauty

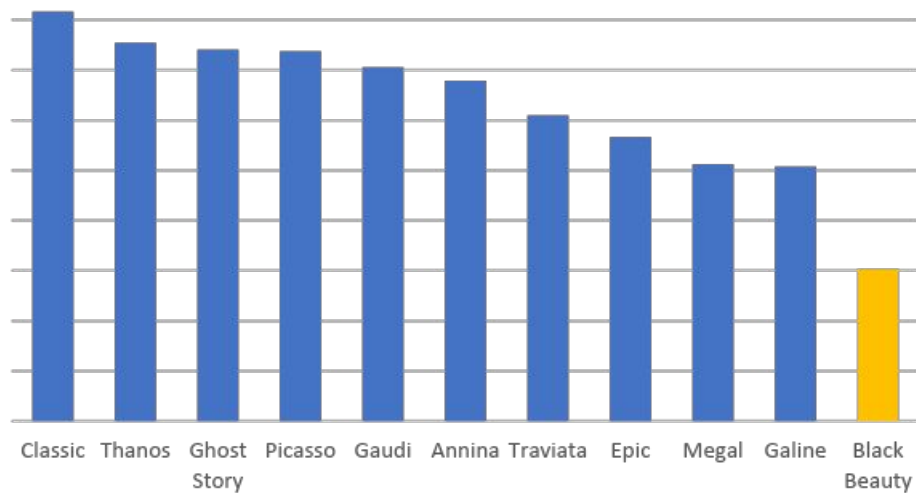
Upright plant

Green, spiny calyx

Mid to late season

Good color and gloss

OP heirloom, 2024 seed had many off-types











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