



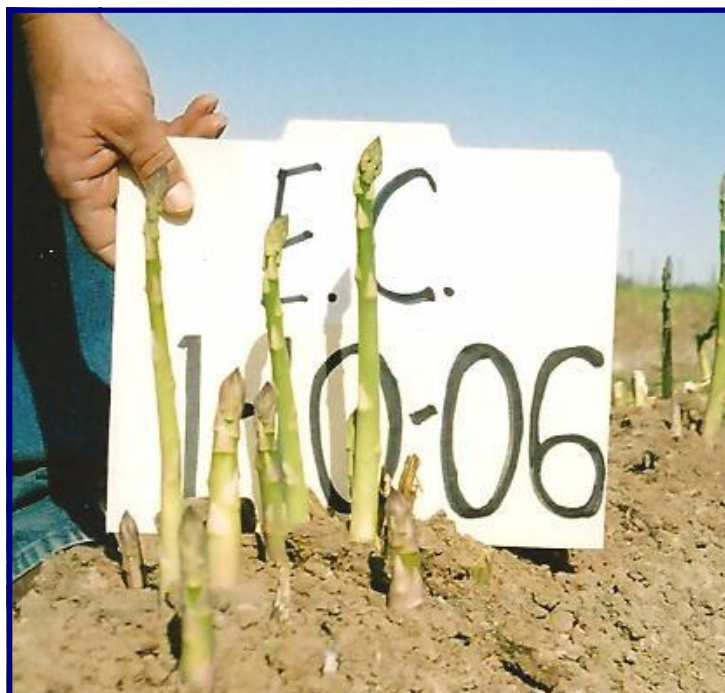
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Early California

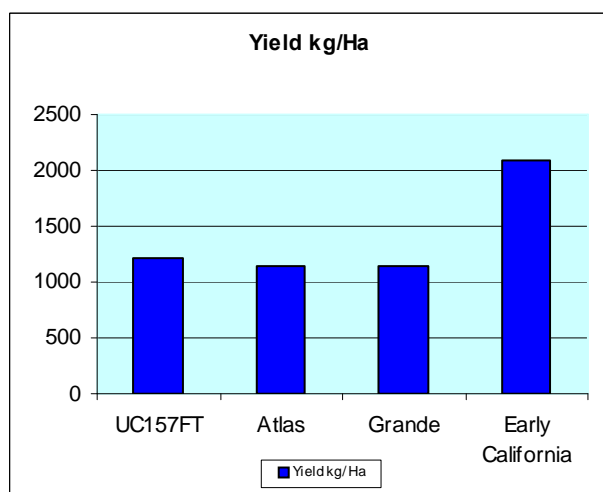
High Yielding High Quality Green Spears

The plant:

- * Hargreaves has territorial exclusivity
- * A true hybrid form California
- * Very early season crop
- * Prefers arid to semi. arid areas
- * High yielding
- * Tolerant to Rust
- * 10-20 Harvestable spears per plant
- * The greenest spear on the market
- * Ideal for Export market



Trial results from Klien Ranch, California. (2008) (8 harvests - 26 days)



Growth Recommendation

- * Target 44600 plants/Ha
- * Plant spacing of 15-20cm
- * Use of additional P&K essential benefit for colour
- * Benefits from micro nutrient inputs



Cultivar	Yield kg/Ha	No Spears per Ha	Average Spear Weight. (g)	Spear Quality
UC157FT	1207	48617	24.8	3.67
Atlas	1145	44015	26.0	3.16
Grande	1136	37973	29.9	3.31
Early California	2097	70194	29.9	3.63

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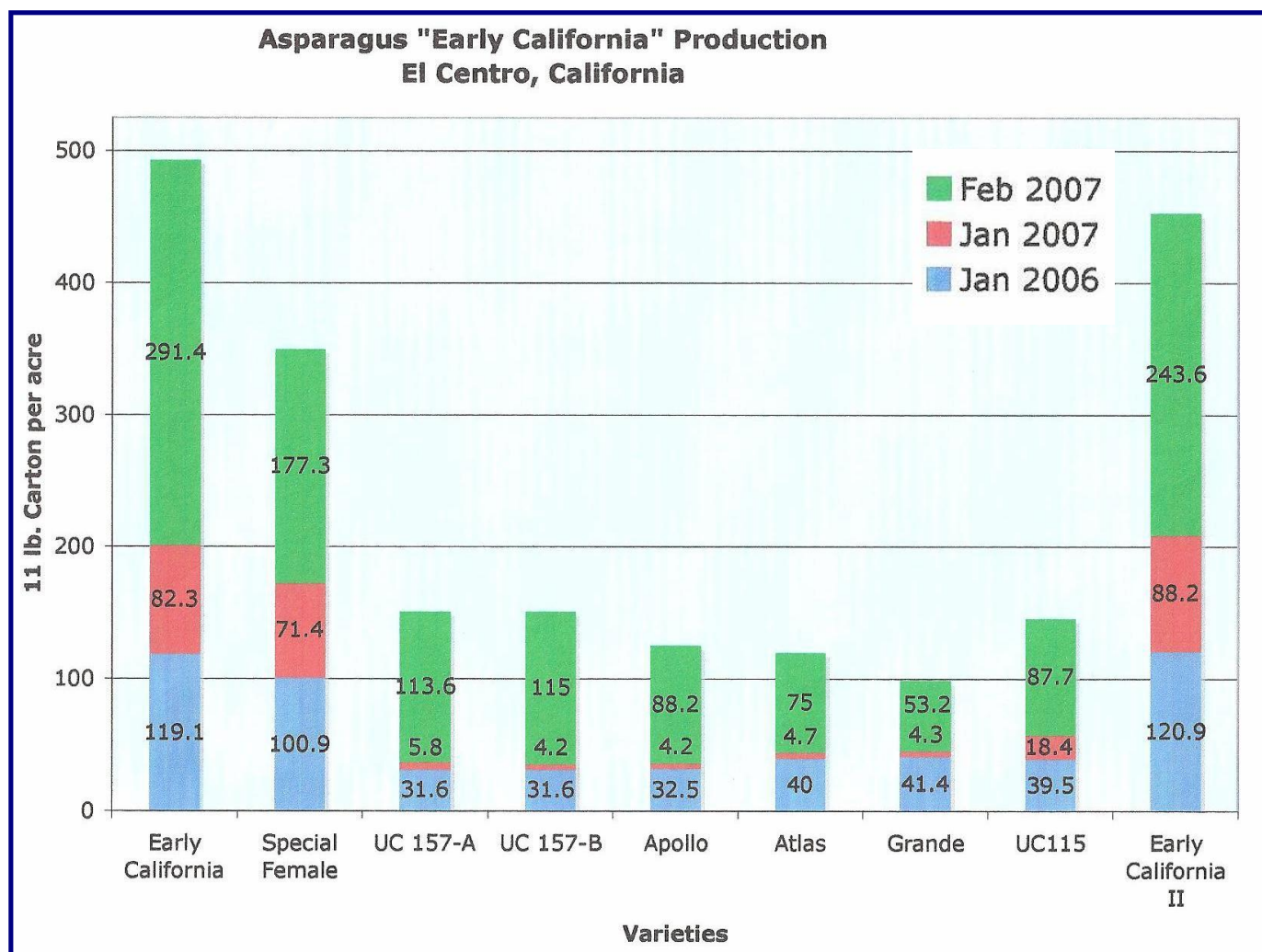


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In trials this variety is out performing Brock Imperial and the U.C. varieties for yield, and all over vigour. The yield will vary of course depending on the grower and the ground and quality of water. Using gravity irrigation, and under optimum conditions, the yield would be about 3705 kg/ Hectare. With a drip system, it would be even more.



The sizing of this variety is very uniform, but with a high percentage of jumbos. The quality of spears is also **ideal for export markets that demand near-perfection.**

The colour is considered the most green possible, with little or no purple and an absence of purple bracts.

Early California is very tolerant to rust, and usually one application of good fungicide will prevent any rust during the fern growing period. Early California is also free from sclerotinia and Asparagus Virus 2.

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