

CIRAD178 (DESIRABLE)

Edition: 2026

IDENTITY

Species	<i>Dioscorea alata</i>
Origin	Guadeloupe
Origin centre code	CIR-A049
Supplier	CIRAD
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DOI	n.d.
Year of introduction	2016
Evaluation period	2022-2025

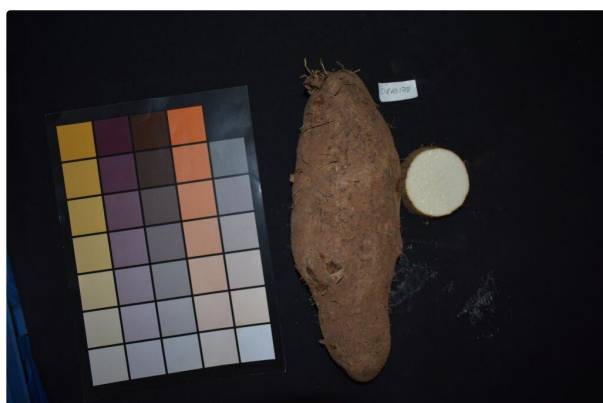
Variety strengths:

- High yield
- Tolerance to rust
- Good cooking quality
- No storage rot (1 month)

DESCRIPTION

ABOVE-GROUND PARTS

Stem	Bulbils	None
	Colour	Green
Leaf	Shape	Elongated sagittate
	Texture	Soft
Petiole	Colour	Green



BELOW-GROUND PARTS

Tuber	Flesh appearance	Granular
	Flesh colour	White
	Roots	Low
Skin	Thickness	Medium
	Phelloderm	White

QUALITY

Storage rot (1 month)	None
Flesh colour	White
Cooking oxidation	None
Boiled quality	Good

Evaluation sites in Guadeloupe



- Roujol (Petit-Bourg)
- Godet (Petit-Canal)

NOTE: all data below were obtained at experimental stations (Roujol, Godet). They reflect the variety's performance under station growing conditions.

DISEASES

Anthracnose

Level **Moderately susceptible**

Rust

Level

Tolerant

Is the cassava ant a threat to this variety? ☐ Yes ☒ No

EMERGENCE AND GROUND COVER

Germination rate **88 %**
 Emergence time **35 days**
 Cycle length (emergence → senescence) **5.7 months - short (<6 months)**

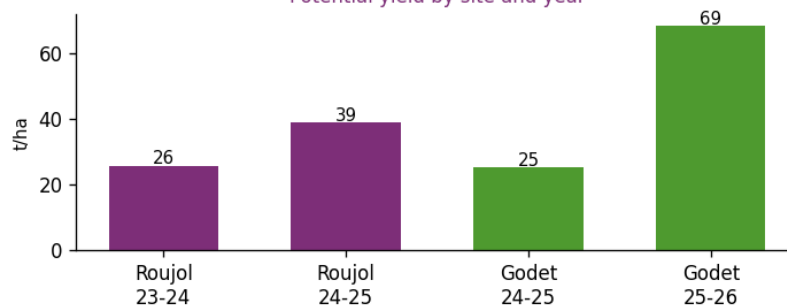
Ground cover at 1 month



YIELD

Potential yield **38 t/ha**
 Mean tubers per plant **1.1**
 Consistency profile ☐ Stable ☐ Not stable

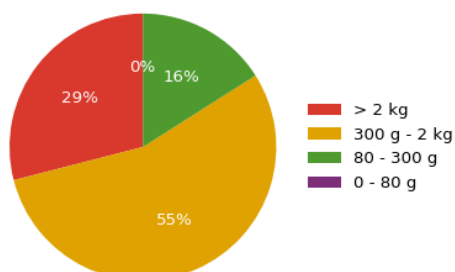
Potential yield by site and year



SIZE GRADE

Mean tuber weight

1.6 kg



Data sheet online on YamHub

