

Variety Description

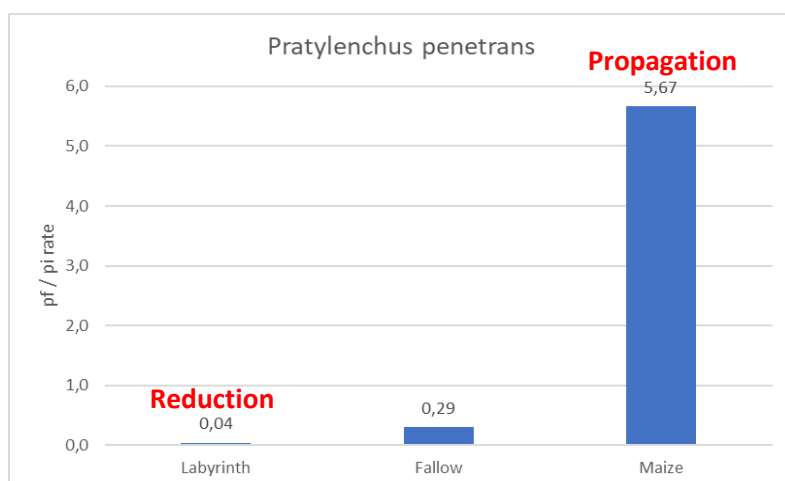
Variety

LABYRINTH

Species	French marigold
Botanical name	Tagetes patula
Seeding rate	8-10 kg/ha
Distance between rows	12-15 cm
Sowing period	Mid-May to late June
Sowing depth	1 cm



Propagation/reduction of *Pratylenchus penetrans* in different field conditions



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LABYRINTH has been bred specifically to be used as a catch crop for nematode reduction. The variety is listed with the Federal Plant Variety Office (Bundessortenamt) for precisely this use. Growth and mass formation in early stages is significantly improved over conventional *Tagetes patula* varieties, resulting in reliable stand establishment and weed suppression. This is particularly important with respect to nematode control, an area in which LABYRINTH is a cut above the rest. Trials show excellent reduction rates of *Pratylenchus penetrans* nematodes (see figure).

Most important characteristics

Specially bred as a catch crop
High mass formation during early development
Grows tall
Considerable reduction of nematodes of the genus *Pratylenchus*

Usage

Sowing technique

Planting French marigolds can be difficult due to their husks and low thousand grain weight, which leads to bridging and blockage in normal seed drills. This issue can be resolved to a significant extent by a person on the seed drill stirring the seed box.

