

Seed traits

Color

Table 1 . Seed color scale.

Seed color group	Seed color
1	White
2	Cream-beige
3	Yellow
4	Brown-maroon
5	Pink
6	Red
7	Purple
8	Black
9	Others

Source: CIAT (1987)

Size, shape and seed coat patterns

Bean seed size is often reported as the weight (g) of 100 seed. The following symbols can be added to seed color group to indicate the following seed shapes and patterns: kidney (K), mottled (M), striped (R).

Seed brilliance

Bean seed brilliance can be classified as opaque (O), intermediate (I) or brilliant (B).

References

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