

# CALIBER

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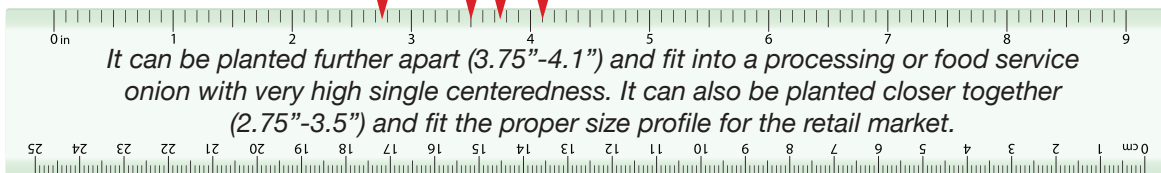
## 125-128 LONG DAY STORAGE ONION

Caliber is a vigorous long maturing onion that is built for tough conditions. It can stand up to challenged soil and stress brought about by high temperatures. It single centers at a very high rate and is an excellent choice for your processing needs. It can store long term easily for 6-8 months. The bulbs are firm with good retentive scales. It has been approved for a ring processing variety.



Retail

Processing



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### Plant Date

Caliber fits into the traditional window for long day onion varieties for later March and into April. When it is planted later it tends to put up fewer leaves and matures at the same time as earlier planted Caliber. Please note, a couple of growers reported that Caliber was a bit slower out of the ground than some of our other varieties. Exercise caution when applying early post-emergence chemicals. Make sure that Caliber is in the proper growth stage.



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### Fertility

With the extreme vigor of this plant later in the growing season, it is necessary to be done with fertility by early July so that Caliber does not stand longer than necessary at the season's end. This is similar to other varieties. When placing this variety on soil with limited or no onion history, the fertility can be lowered by 10-15%.



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### Weed Control

Early season post emergence broadleaf weed control is a caution when the entire field is not all Caliber. Make sure and walk the field and ensure that the Caliber is completely in the 2-leaf stage if applying post-emergence at a full rate. Caliber has a glossier leaf that has less wax than some varieties and can be a bit more susceptible to full rate post-emergence herbicides. Its not that the full rate will kill the onion its just that it sets it back.



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### Fungicide

Caliber has a glossy leaf and has a thinner wax surface on the exterior of the leaf. It will be necessary to treat this variety with the standard practice of applying a fungicide and protecting the newly formed leaves. Onions fully develop a leaf every 12-14 days. Staying on this schedule, especially later in the season, and finalizing the last application with a good broad-spectrum fungicide will ensure that the product in storage will be of high quality and more efficiently sorted.



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### Harvest

Follow normal harvest procedures and lift when the onion top fall is greater than 50%. Be sure to let the bulbs cure in the field in dry environmental conditions for a period of 10-14 days before loading the bulbs for storage. An onion is dried correctly if the neck is tight and outer scales are uniform in color and dry to the touch.



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