

## BRSMG Uai: common bean cultivar with carioca grain type and upright plant architecture

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**Abstract:** *The common bean cultivar with carioca grain type, BRSMG Uai, is recommended for cultivation in Minas Gerais and stands out for its upright plant architecture, which facilitates cultivation and mechanical harvesting. This cultivar has high yield potential and is resistant to the major races of anthracnose that occur in region.*

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### INTRODUCTION

Beans are among the main foods of the Brazilian population, with a consumption of 16 kg/inhabitant/year. Beans are important in human nutrition because they are important sources of protein and are rich in several minerals. Brazil is also a leading producer of beans. From 1993 to 2012, bean production increased by 13%, despite a reduction in planting area. This increase was due to a 62% increase in the average yield (Wander 2014). Part of this increase in yield was due to the genetic breeding of this crop.

Common beans with carioca grain (beige with a brown stripe) are preferred by consumers in Brazil. Therefore, breeding programs in Brazil have developed new lines with this grain type that combine good yield and resistance to stresses, including biotic stresses (Carvalho et al. 2013, Carbonell et al. 2014). However, there is an increasing demand related to plant architecture. The desired plants are erect, which facilitates cultivation and mechanical harvesting. This architecture also decreases disease severity by providing greater air circulation between plants and provides a better-quality grain because the pods are not in contact with the ground.

To meet the needs of bean producers, institutions working in partnership in the genetic improvement of common bean in Minas Gerais (Embrapa Rice and Beans, Agricultural Research Company of Minas Gerais (Epamig), Federal University of Lavras (UFLA) and Federal University of Viçosa (UFV)) have registered BRSMG Uai, which is a new common bean cultivar with a carioca grain type and upright plant architecture that is suitable for cultivation in the state of Minas Gerais.

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## BREEDING METHODS

The cultivar BRSMG Uai was obtained by hybridization in a recurrent selection program that aimed to obtain progenies with the carioca grain type, in association with upright plant architecture and high yields. In 2001, we performed a diallel cross among ten common bean inbred lines with upright plant architecture (Carioca MG, CNFC 9454, CNFC 9455, CNFC 9458, CNFC 9466, CNFC 9471, CNFC 9484, IAPAR 81, 9876 LP and IPR Uirapuru). The seeds of the 42 hybrids of the  $F_1$  generation were sown to obtain the  $F_2$  generation. The 42  $F_2$  populations were assessed for grain yield, with sowing in February 2002 in Lavras, MG, Brazil. Of these 42 populations, the 11 most promising were chosen to form the base population ( $S_0$ ) of the first cycle ( $C_0$ ). From these populations, 190 individual plants were selected, which gave rise to 190 progenies. These progenies were evaluated in the  $S_{0.1}$ ,  $S_{0.2}$ ,  $S_{0.3}$ ,  $S_{0.4}$  and  $S_{0.5}$  generations from July 2002 to May 2004 and were selected for grain yield, grain type and plant architecture. In all generations, the progenies were assessed by the bulk method. In generation  $S_{0.5}$ , the selected progeny received the designations RP-1 and, subsequently, BRSMG Uai.

Line RP-1 was assessed in the experiments of elite lines of the Common Bean Breeding Program of UFLA, along with other 31 lines and five control cultivars (Carioca, Carioca MG, Pérola, BRSMG Talismã and Ouro Negro) in crop seasons with sowing in November 2004, February 2005, July 2005, November 2005, February 2006 and July 2006. Experiments

**Table 1.** Mean grain yield ( $\text{kg ha}^{-1}$ ) of the cultivar BRSMG Uai and controls (BRSMG Talismã and Pérola) per location, sowing month and year of assessment in the state of Minas Gerais.

Location	Sowing month	Year	BRSMG Uai	Controls		% of the controls mean
				BRSMG Talismã	Pérola	
Lavras	July	2007	2650	2467	2016	118.2
Lambari	July	2007	1340	1385	1541	91.6
Patos de Minas	July	2007	2158	2058	1675	115.6
Sete Lagoas	July	2007	3200	3200	2933	104.4
Coimbra	July	2007	3187	2451	3170	113.4
Formoso	May	2007	1170	1053	1139	106.8
Lavras	November	2007	2400	2650	2238	98.2
Lambari	November	2007	1912	1467	1800	117.0
Coimbra	November	2007	3418	3218	3014	109.7
Lavras	February	2008	2554	2250	2562	106.2
Lambari	February	2008	2575	1883	2300	123.1
Patos Minas	February	2008	2004	1867	1717	111.8
Uberlândia	February	2008	1603	1802	1738	90.6
Florestal	February	2008	3514	3105	3514	106.2
Oratórios	February	2008	2229	1460	1581	146.6
Formoso	May	2008	1399	1591	1605	87.5
Sete Lagoas	July	2008	3575	3900	3330	98.9
Uberlândia	May	2008	2219	1964	2464	100.2
Coimbra	July	2008	3654	1681	2904	159.4
Lavras	November	2008	1345	1105	1358	109.2
Lambari	November	2008	2100	1392	1475	146.5
Patos de Minas	November	2008	2725	2332	2770	106.8
Uberlândia	November	2008	1504	1553	1410	101.5
Patos Minas	February	2009	2095	2192	2638	86.7
Viçosa	February	2009	2307	2272	2500	96.7
Uberlândia	February	2009	2439	2962	2769	85.1
Uberlândia	May	2009	2362	3322	3070	73.9
Coimbra	July	2009	2477	2243	2361	107.6
Mean sowing February			2369	2199	2369	103.7
Mean sowing May-July			2449	2276	2362	105.6
Mean sowing November			2201	1960	2009	110.9
General mean			2361	2172	2271	106.3

were carried out in Lavras and Lambari, southern Minas Gerais, and in Patos de Minas, Alto Paranaíba Region. A joint analysis of grain yield and other agronomic traits suggested that line RP-1 should be chosen to participate in Values for Cultivation and Use (VCU) trials in Minas Gerais.

RP-1 was assessed in VCU trials that were carried out from May 2007 until November 2009 in 28 environments in the state (Table 1). This line was evaluated along with 23 others and with the control cultivars BRSMG Talismã and Pérola. The experiments were arranged in a randomized complete block design, with three replications and plots consisting of four 4-m rows. The following traits were evaluated: grain yield (kg ha<sup>-1</sup>); severity of angular leaf spot on a scale from 1-9, where 1 denotes a plant without disease symptoms and 9 indicates a completely infected plant (Schoonhoven and Pastor-Corrales 1987), considering resistant lines to be those with an average score up to 3 and susceptible lines to be those with an average score above 3; plant architecture, on a scale from 1-9, where 1 denotes upright plants and 9 indicates completely prostrate plants (Melo 2009); and degree of lodging, on a scale from 1-9, where 1 indicates an absence of lodging and 9 indicates all plants lodged (Melo 2009).

The reaction to races 65, 73, 81 and 89 of *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*, which is the fungus that causes anthracnose, was evaluated in the laboratory according to the methodology described by Rava et al. (1994), as were the reaction to the common mosaic virus; the reaction to the fungus *Fusarium oxysporum*, which is the causal agent of fusarium wilt; the cooking time (in minutes) in a 25-seed Mattson cooker (Proctor and Watts 1987); and the protein content based on the total nitrogen grain content, as determined by the micro Kjeldahl method using the factor 6.25 to convert the total N to protein (Horwitz 1980).

## CULTIVAR CHARACTERISTICS

### Plant architecture and lodging resistance

The cultivar BRSMG Uai has an indeterminate, type II growth habit. In the evaluations of plant architecture and lodging tolerance on a rating scale, the performance of BRSMG Uai was superior to that of BRS Estilo, which also has an erect architecture and is already recommended and widely accepted for cultivation in Brazil (Table 2) (Melo et al. 2010). Because it has taller plants and the tallest aboveground pod, 'BRSMG Uai' is adapted for direct mechanical harvesting, with fewer losses during this process.

### Disease response

In assessments by artificial inoculation in a greenhouse, BRSMG Uai showed resistance to the races 65, 73, 81 and 89 of anthracnose, which are most frequently found in common bean crops in Brazil (Table 2). In addition, under controlled conditions, BRSMG Uai showed resistance to the common mosaic virus. In evaluations performed in the field, BRSMG Uai was susceptible to angular leaf spot and, in areas with a highly controlled infestation of *Fusarium oxysporum*, showed moderate resistance to fusarium wilt.

### Crop cycle

The flowering of the cultivar BRSMG Uai occurs, on average, 46 days after sowing. The crop cycle is similar to that of BRS Estilo and can be considered normal, ranging from 85 to 95 days from sowing to harvest, depending on the season and region.

### Grain yield

The cultivar BRSMG Uai presented a grain yield that was 6.3% greater than the average of the controls Pérola

**Table 2.** Some traits of the cultivar BRSMG Uai and control BRS Estilo obtained in the VCU trials conducted in the state of Minas Gerais in the years 2007-2009 and under controlled conditions carried out at Embrapa Rice and Beans.

Trait	BRSMG Uai	BRS Estilo
Plant architecture <sup>1</sup>	2.0	3.4
Lodging <sup>2</sup>	2.6	4.0
Days until maturity	85	87
Angular leaf spot <sup>3</sup>	S	S
Anthracnose <sup>3</sup>		
Pathotype 65	R	S
Pathotype 73	R	S
Pathotype 81	R	S
Pathotype 89	R	R
Fusarium wilt <sup>3</sup>	MR	S
Common mosaic virus <sup>3</sup>	R	R
100 seed weight(g)	24	26
Cooking time (minutes)	32	26
Protein (%)	20	23

<sup>1</sup> Scale from 1-9, where 1 denotes upright plants and 9 indicates completely prostrate plants; <sup>2</sup> Scale from 1-9, where 1 indicates an absence of lodging and 9 indicates all plants lodged; <sup>3</sup> Reaction to disease: R - resistant; MR - moderately resistant; S - susceptible.

and BRSMG Talismã when considering the average of all locations and seasons (Table 1). This value was higher than the average of the controls in the three sowing seasons but was most prominent in sowing performed in November, with a superiority of approximately 11%. Combined with the higher yield during this crop season, it is the advantage that BRSMG Uai presents by having erect plants should once again be emphasized. When sowing is carried out in November, the harvest occurs in January, at which usually the rainfall is intense in the region. In prostrate plants, the pods can come into contact with moist soil and thus affect grain productivity and quality, which does not occur in BRSMG Uai.

### Industrial and technical grain quality

Cultivar BRSMG Uai has a carioca grain type, with an average 100-seed weight of 24 g. The cooking time is 32 minutes, and the protein content is 20%, which are comparable to those of most currently recommended bean cultivars (Table 2).

## BASIC SEED PRODUCTION

Cultivar BRSMG Uai was registered by Embrapa, Epamig, UFLA, and UFV in the National Register of Cultivars (RNC) of the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (MAPA) on July 31, 2015, under number 33555, and the request for protection is being analyzed by the National Plant Varieties Protection Service (SNPC). Embrapa Products and Market is in charge of the seed production.

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