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Mr Fothergill's is full of beans as seedsman celebrates them in 2017 (MRF589)

Mr Fothergill's 2017 seed catalogue features several new bean varieties, as the Suffolk seedsman supports the pan-European Year of the Bean initiative in the hope of encouraging gardeners to grow more of these tasty vegetables in 2017. Exclusive new runner bean Aurora is unique in being both pink flowered and producing self-setting pods. It is British-bred and produces an abundant crop of usually stringless, succulent pods whether conditions are cool or hot and dry in our unpredictable summers. A packet of 45 seeds costs £3.35.

Broad bean Eleonora is offered as organic seed. Mr Fothergill's says the beans, often five per pod, are both juicy and very tasty, and are recommended by all staff who have taken home pods grown on the company's Newmarket trial ground. Fast growing and not too tall, Eleonora is a good choice for windy sites. A packet of 45 seeds cost £3.35. Reintroduced dwarf bean Coco Noir Starazagorski can be eaten young as sliced green beans or left to mature and the black beans shelled as haricots. Ten seeds cost £3.35.

Three other new and exclusive beans are offered both via mail order and from retail stockists of Mr Fothergill's throughout the UK. Exclusive runner bean Guinness Record could be well-named. This exhibition-quality runner bean produces large crops of very long, smooth, tasty, slender pods up to 45cm (18in) from July to October. The vigorous, red-flowered plants are resistant to all bean viruses. A packet of 45 seeds costs £3.25.

Runner Bean Snowdrift is a white-flowered variety specially bred to yield large crops of succulent beans. White-flowered beans are often less prone to bird attack than scarlet-flowered ones. Pods set reliably in cold or hot and dry conditions, helping to ensure a good harvest. A packet of 40 seeds of Snowdrift costs £3.25. Also exclusively from Mr Fothergill's comes pencil-podded climbing bean Python. Its uniform, succulent pods, up to 15cm (6in) long, are produced abundantly through a long summer cropping season and into autumn. A packet of 50 seeds costs £3.25.

For more information on Mr Fothergill's range, or to request a catalogue, please visit www.mr-fothergills.co.uk, telephone 0845 371 0518 or write to Mr Fothergill's, Gazeley Road, Kentford, Suffolk CB8 7QB.

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