20 years

The Only Way is Up
high wire cucumbers

2020 is the year to celebrate!

It's been already in the 1990s that growers tried cultivating cucumbers in high wire tomato greenhouses, but it took the industry some more years to make it a real success. Today high wire cucumber growing has become the state-of-the-art system in many countries, giving the opportunity for market-oriented production, further optimization and automation. At BASF Vegetable Seeds we are proud of being a vital part in this development. Together with you, we want to celebrate these 20 successful years in high wire cucumber cultivation in 2020. We will to take you with us on a thrilling journey from the past to the future: We will exchange our knowledge in masterclasses, network at several events and become even more inspired about the endless opportunities of cucumbers. 2020 will be full of surprises for all of us. Let's join and celebrate together.

2000
Start of dedicated breeding with the unique COMPACT gene for long cucumbers

2004
First internal trials in Nunhem with new COMPACT varieties in high wire

2007
Filing of the COMPACT patent

2007
Planting of 3 new COMPACT varieties at the greenhouse in Nunhem for a better understanding of their performance in high wire circumstances and the development of a specific growing protocol

2008
Hi Tona, Hi Jack and Hi Lisa are introduced to the market as the first varieties of the Hi Revolution family with the COMPACT gene

2009
Beesan was launched for the Canadian high wire market

2010
First large-scale 20ha commercial year of Hi Jack in traditional crops resulting in the decision to use COMPACT varieties only for high wire cultivation

2014
Start of making specific selections in short cucumbers for high wire crops Mini cucumbers and Beesan arrive at the European high wire market with the first sales in Germany and The Netherlands

2014
Hi Power replaced the first generation of Hi Revolution varieties and was widely introduced, in The Netherlands, UK and Scandinavia on to Iceland and New Zealand

2016
Introduction of Hi Force variety for summer crops in Europe

2016
Introduction of SEpire in the American high wire market

2017
First trials of snack cucumbers in high wire greenhouses

2019
Extended trials of new mini cucumber varieties with virus resistances at the European & American high wire market

2019
Introduction of Hi Light & Hi Pace for high wire summer crops in Europe as the 3rd generation of the Hi Revolution family

2019
Introduction of SEquence as the first real high wire variety in Canada

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