Contender Soybean

Contender was developed by the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station and is an F₄ plant selection from the cross Hodgson 78 x Wells II. It was released in 1992.

Contender is of Group I maturity, about the same as Hardin. It is of relative maturity 105. It was tested under the designation W87-15. Contender has purple flowers, gray pubescence, brown pods at maturity, intermediate seed coat luster, and buff hila. It carries the Phytophthora resistance gene Rpslc which confers resistance to races 1-3, 6-11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23 and 24.

In Southern and Central Wisconsin tests, and in 21 Uniform test environments over 1988-1991, Contender yielded competitively with Hodgson 78 and Hardin. It has excellent lodging resistance and the seed averages higher in protein than do Hodgson 78 and Hardin.

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