LESLIE was developed by the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station and released in 1991. It was developed from the cross of Hodgson 78 and Pella.

LESLIE is of Group I maturity with a relative maturity of 105, similar to Hardin. It has purple flowers, gray pubescence, tan pods, mixed seed luster with imperfect black hila. LESLIE carries the \textit{Rps1} gene for phytophthora resistance which confers resistance to races 1, 2, 10, 11, 13-18, and 24.

In Wisconsin and Minnesota tests, Leslie has excellent lodging resistance, above average protein content, and is superior in yield to Hardin.

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