







# FABA BEAN GROWTH STAGING GUIDE

<b>VE Emergence</b>	<b>VS Scale leaves</b>	<b>V1 First leaf</b>	<b>V2 to Vn</b>	<b>R1 Flower bud</b>	<b>R2 Beginning bloom</b>
Epicotyl pushed through the soil.	Two scale leaves present above or below-ground on the main stem.	First unfolded bifoliate leaf and above-ground node.	Second unfolded bifoliate leaf, third unfolded bifoliate leaf, fourth, etc.	Flower buds present at one or more nodes.	First flowers open.
					
<b>R2.5 to R3 20–50% bloom</b>	<b>R4 Flat pod</b>	<b>R5 Full pod</b>	<b>R6 Beginning maturity</b>	<b>R7 Mid-maturity</b>	<b>R8 Full maturity</b>
Flowers open halfway up the main stem. Occurs 7–10 days after beginning bloom.	Flat pod at one or more nodes.	Green seeds fill the pod cavity at one or more nodes.	Leaves and lower pods start to turn yellow.	Lower pods are dark brown/black, seed moisture is 30%.	Most pods are dark brown/black, seed moisture is 20% or less.
