



1. Type

- Page is a Runner-type peanut introduced to Australia by the Peanut Company of Australia Ltd. It has Hi-Oleic oil chemistry which provides better shelf life and quality in comparison to non-Hi-Oleic varieties.

2. Growth Habit

- Page has a typical runner growth habit, with a semi-prostrate canopy and an erect main stem.

3. Seed / Pod Characteristics

- Page produces kernels which are more spherical in shape than other runner varieties and marginally smaller than Menzies and Holt. Seed testa (seed coat) is pink in colour, similar to both Holt and Menzies.

4. General Agronomy

a) Yield

- Page has yielded well over a range of sites including rainfed areas, but responds particularly well in growing areas that have a reduced growing season associated with low temperatures and/or end of season drought.

b) Planning to Grow Page

- Page is a mid maturing runner and matures up to 2 weeks earlier compared to other runner varieties. Page is also quite robust, performing well when under pressure from CBR and other soil borne pathogens, including both Sclerotinia and White Mould.

c) Planting Rate

These rates are based on using Enhanced Seed with a Precision Planter

	Dryland (South Qld)	Dryland (North Qld)	Irrigated
Seeds / ha	80,000	130,000 – 150,000 Max.	130,000 – 150,000 Max.
Seeds / metre			
⇒ 92 cm rows (36")	7.7	12 – 14	12 – 14
⇒ 101 cm rows (40")	8.5	13 – 15	13 – 15
Seed spacing apart			
▪ 92 cm rows (36")	13.7cm (5.4")	8.3 – 7.1cm (3.3" – 2.8")	8.3 – 7.1cm (3.3" – 2.8")
▪ 101 cm rows (40")	12.3cm (4.8")	7.7 – 6.7cm (3.0" – 2.6")	7.7 – 6.7cm (3.0" – 2.6")

d) Nutrition

- Page’s nutritional requirements are similar to other current commercial varieties.
- Requirements for Calcium and Boron are high, similar to Virginia type varieties. Marginal levels of available Calcium and Boron in the podding zone will result in an increase in the number of pops and also increase the amount of “hollow heart” which increases splits.
- **PCA recommends soil testing and consultation with peanut agronomists to determine both the timing and application rates of crop nutrients, particularly Calcium and Boron.**

e) Disease Susceptibility

- Page has shown slightly more susceptibility to leaf spot and leaf rust compared to other runner cultivars, hence it is recommended that a good preventative fungicide spray program is implemented early and followed until peanuts are pulled / dug.
- In Australian trials, Page has shown some resistance to CBR. Tolerance has also been noted with regard to Sclerotinia, White Mould and Fusarium.

f) Maturity and Harvesting

- Time to maturity is approximately 135 days (19 weeks) when grown in Southern Queensland.
- Peg strength of Page is similar to other commercial Runners. A good fungicide program will help maintain peg strength and reduce pod losses at time of harvest.
- Page should be threshed as gently as possible and dried slowly (**refer to drying guides or contact PCA for guidelines on drying**).

5. Marketing

- The taste profile of Page is similar to other commercial Runners.
- Page is suited to the confectionery, peanut butter and snackfood markets.

6. Grades *

Grade	Page	Holt	Menzies	Farnsfield**
J	45	45	41	39
1	7	10	11	12
2	6	6	7	11
Splits (5)	12	10	11	12
MFG (7)	1	1	1	1
Oil	9	7	9	7
Shell	20	21	20	18

* The table above illustrates comparative grades (%) against other runner varieties but results will vary considerably with management and seasonal conditions.

** Based on Australian trials and limited commercial production.

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