





NC STATE

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GREEN FINGER

DESCRIPTION

Crisp, mild, thin-skinned Beit-Alpha type. Medium-size cukes with dark green skins. Very productive, nicely consistent fruits. Bred for multiple disease resistance including Powdery Mildew resistance. Enjoy them right off the vine as you stroll through your garden, or in a salad, or pickled, or as an addition of crisp freshness to your cool summer drink!

| Hardiness Zone: | 9-10 |
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| Planting Depth: | 1-2" |
| Plant Spacing: | 12-18" |
| Row Spacing: | 5′ |
| Growth Habit: | Highly productive. Does best if allowed to climb. |
| Soil Preference: | Loose, well drained, and well supplied with organic matter and plant nutrients. Most productive with a soil pH of 6.0 to 6.5. |
| Temp Preference: | Minimum 70 degrees |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |
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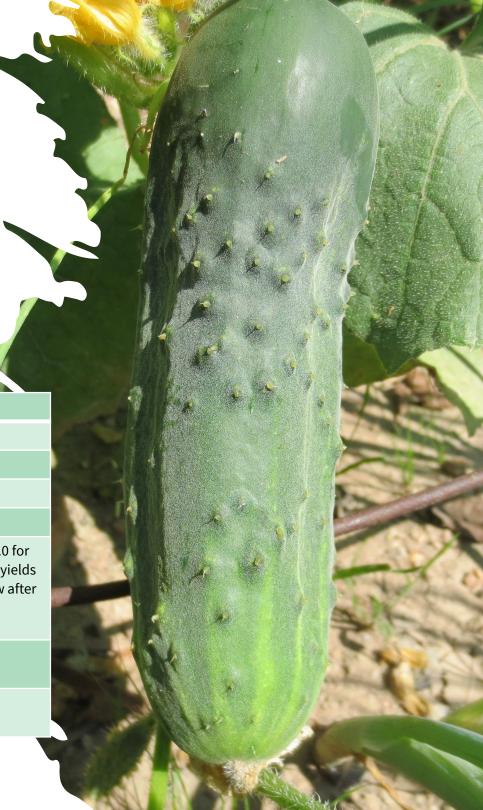


HOMEMADE PICKLES

DESCRIPTION

The Homemade Pickles is a trusted heirloom cucumber great for pickling at home. This variety is the most popular pickling cucumber raised by home gardeners and pickle lovers! The Homemade Pickles Cucumber, also known as the Southern Homemade Pickles Cucumber, is a very vigorous bush type plants and is very resistant to common cucumber diseases and produces a large abundance of wonderful little, medium green colored cucumbers. Produces over a long season.

| Hardiness Zone: | 9-10 |
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| Planting Depth: | 1-2" |
| Plant Spacing: | 36-60", 12" if on a trellis |
| Row Spacing: | 6' |
| Growth Habit: | 12" high. High yields |
| Soil Preference: | Requires warm, well-drained soil high in fertility, with a pH of 7.0 for best results. Consistent moisture is needed to produce an high yields of good size cucumbers. Cucumbers do not tolerate cold so sow after any possibility of frost has passed. Make sure both soil and air temperatures have warmed prior to planting. |
| Temp Preference: | Minimum 70 degrees |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |
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CAYENNE

Long Red

DESCRIPTION

Cayenne Pepper is a pepper that can be easily grown either in an outdoor pot or in the garden. Edible varieties are used as a spice in food while ornamental varieties can add eye-popping color to your garden. *Capsicum annuum* requires full sun but is a great heat and drought-tolerant annual. For best results, start from seed indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost date and set seedlings or purchased plants out in the garden after any possibility of frost. It can be temperamental if its roots are disturbed and it prefers full sun and moist, well-drained, rich soil. It is best to keep this plant's soil consistently and evenly moist. To promote a bushy appearance, you can pinch young plants. Flowers give way to edible peppers, ranging from extremely hot chili peppers to sweet bell peppers.

It is a herbaceous perennial and will grow well in the garden at the higher USDA zones; however, lower zones may be problematic. In North Carolina and many other places with cold or harsh winters, peppers are best grown as annuals because they are tender to the cold. Ornamental peppers, though in the same family as normal peppers and though they are technically edible, will lack the taste necessary to be used properly in culinary applications. Some varieties can be excessively spicy, much more than normal pepper varieties but are typically grown for their exotic and breathtaking colors. Fortunately, this plant is seldom damaged by deer.

| Hardiness Zone: | 4a-11b |
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| Planting Depth: | 1-2" |
| Plant Spacing: | 12-24" |
| Row Spacing: | 24-36" |
| Growth Habit: | Annual, Erect, Mounded, Medium growth. |
| Soil Preference: | Clay, High Organic Matter, Loam (Silt), Sand. Acid (<6.0), Alkaline (>8.0), Neutral (6.0-8.0). Good drainage. |
| Temp Preference: | 55-75 degrees F |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |
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GOLDEN CALIFORNIA WONDER

DESCRIPTION

Non-GMO, open-pollinated Golden California Wonder Sweet Bell Pepper are a popular variety of heirloom bell pepper seeds, which produce golden peppers with a sweet and delicious flavor. The upright, bushy plants of the Golden Cal Wonder pepper reach approximately 36" tall, producing large, 4-lobed fruits that measure about 4-1/2".

Golden California Wonder pepper growing can be done in rows, raised beds, or containers thanks to the relatively compact growth habit that doesn't require staking.

Give your Golden Cal Wonder pepper plants plenty of sun, and keep the soil consistently moist for the best harvests.

| Hardiness Zone: | Annual, not intended for overwintering |
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| Planting Depth: | 1/4" |
| Plant Spacing: | 12-24" in rows; 14-16" in raised beds |
| Row Spacing: | 2-3" |
| Growth Habit: | 24-36" tall; 4.5" bell-shaped peppers with 4 lobes |
| Soil Preference: | Moist, well-drained loamy soil. Slightly acidic to neutral pH |
| Temp Preference: | 70-84 degrees F. Nighttime temperatures between 60 and 75 degrees F to allow proper fruit set |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |



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DESCRIPTION

The California Wonder is not just any bell pepper, its the best of class. By far, this variety is America's favorite variety of pepper! The California Wonder pepper is a standard bell pepper that is widely adapted. These pepper plants produce very sturdy frames that are easy to grow. This pepper always produces well formed, juicy, crunchy, large pepper fruits. Familiar to all vegetable gardeners for ages, this classic heirloom pepper has set the standard since the late 1920s. This pepper was developed by the eccentric plant breeder, Carrol Briggs, in his grow years. The California Wonder contains high amounts of vitamin A and C and is disease resistant to tobacco mosaic virus.

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JALEPENO

DESCRIPTION

Non-GMO, Early Jalapeno Pepper Seeds from True Leaf Market grow 3" hot peppers that can be harvested when they're either dark green or bright red. On the milder side of hot pepper varieties, Early Jalapeno peppers typically have a Scoville rating of 2,000 to 8,000. Because Jalapeno peppers add a bit of heat without overpowering a dish, they are an excellent choice for making salsas, adding to a pizza, or pickling and adding to the top of nachos. Early Jalapeno pepper plants have a compact, upright growth habit, which makes them easy to grow in containers, raised beds, and gardens with limited space.

Early Jalapeno pepper plants grow very well in containers, raised beds, and gardens thanks to their upright, bushy growth habit. If they are well-maintained, Early Jalapeno pepper plants will grow to approximately 24" tall and produce 3" dark green to bright red peppers. It's one of the best jalapeno pepper seeds for an early harvest, with plants maturing in just 65 days.

| Hardiness Zone: | All USDA zones when grown as an annual garden vegetable |
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| Planting Depth: | 1/4" |
| Plant Spacing: | 12-24" in rows; 14-16" in raised beds |
| Row Spacing: | 2-3" |
| Growth Habit: | 24" tall; 3" peppers with a tapered end |
| Soil Preference: | Moist, well-drained loamy soil; slightly acidic to neutral pH |
| Temp Preference: | Soil at 60-75 degrees F at night; below 90 degrees F during the day |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |
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POBLANO

DESCRIPTION

Poblanos (pronounced poh-blah-nos) are mild chili peppers named after the Mexican state of Puebla where they were first grown. They're one of the most popular peppers used in Mexican and Tex-Mex cooking because they're not very spicy, but have a great flavor, especially when roasted!

When left to fully ripen and dry out, the dehydrated and dried poblano peppers are called ancho chiles.

You can eat the peppers raw, but they taste much better when cooked. They have a thin outer skin that can be difficult to chew which makes them great candidates for roasting.

There are several easy ways to roast them. No matter which method you choose, allow your pepper skins to blacken.

| Hardiness Zone: | 9-11 or as an annual in colder zones |
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| Planting Depth: | 3" |
| Plant Spacing: | 12-24" |
| Row Spacing: | 24" |
| Growth Habit: | Dark green in color, wide at the stem and narrow along the length of the pepper. When they're mature, they're about four inches long and two inches wide. |
| Soil Preference: | Well-drained, organically-rich, loamy, and slightly acidic soil with a pH of 6.0 to 7.0 |
| Temp Preference: | Consistently above 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Prefer 70-90 degrees F. |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |





ARKANSAS TRAVELER

DESCRIPTION

Heirloom slicer tomato Originating before 1900 in the Ozark Mountains, Arkansas Traveler is prized for very flavorful, medium-sized tomatoes that resist cracking and keep on coming, even in drought and hot weather. Taste is mild, like the pink color of the fruit. Popular in its home state and beyond. Indeterminate vines do best in tall cages.

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| Hardiness Zone: | Annual. Not intended to overwinter. |
| Planting Depth: | 2/3 of the plant underground. |
| Plant Spacing: | 18-24" |
| Row Spacing: | 36" |
| Growth Habit: | Indeterminate heirloom. 5' height. Medium pink fruit 6-8oz. |
| Soil Preference: | They prefer well-draining, nutrient-rich soil that's high in organic matter. Tomatoes can tolerate slightly acidic soils and are most productive with a soil pH of 6.0 to 6.8. |
| Temp Preference: | 65-85 degrees F |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |
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BLACK CHERRY

DESCRIPTION

The Black Cherry tomato is a purple cherry tomato variety known as one of the best-tasting tomatoes. They have a uniquely rich and complex taste that's much different than most other cherry tomatoes. These open-pollinated plants are very high-yielding, growing on long indeterminate vines that continue producing from early summer through until fall frost.

| Hardiness Zone: | Annual. Not intended to overwinter. |
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| Planting Depth: | 2/3 of the plant underground. |
| Plant Spacing: | 24-36" |
| Row Spacing: | 18-24" |
| Growth Habit: | 6-8' Height. Indeterminate. Cherry type. Similar to Cherokee Pur in color & taste |
| Soil Preference: | They prefer well-draining, nutrient-rich soil that's high in organ matter. Tomatoes can tolerate slightly acidic soils and are most productive with a soil pH of 6.0 to 6.8. |
| Temp Preference: | Above 70 degrees F |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |



CHEROKEE PURPLE

DESCRIPTION

Cherokee Purple Tomato Seeds. *Solanum lycoperscium*. Indeterminate. Non-GMO. Open Pollinated. A beefsteak-like tomato crop grown for savory notes and alluring dark currant flesh and meat, Cherokee Purple tomato seeds are a truly unique American heirloom.

Cherokee Purple tomato seeds grow thick, indeterminate vines. While the vines are sturdy, Cherokee Purple tomato plants grow healthier tomatoes when staked or caged so that the heavy fruit stays off the ground and the plant can enjoy proper airflow.

The rich pink and purple hues of Cherokee Purple tomatoes make these popular heirloom tomatoes a great choice for creating showstopping appetizers, such as caprese salad.

Cherokee Purple was gifted to heirloom tomato enthusiast Craig LeHoullier by J. D. Green of Tennessee. Mr. Green stated that he received them from a neighbor who said the tomato variety was 100 years old and was according to the neighbor grown by the Cherokee Indians. Listed in the Seed Savers Exchange (SSE) Yearbook 1991 edition.

| Hardiness Zone: | Annual. Not intended to overwinter. |
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| Planting Depth: | 1/2" |
| Plant Spacing: | 18-36" |
| Row Spacing: | 3" |
| Growth Habit: | Can grow 9' high with 2-4' width |
| Soil Preference: | They prefer well-draining, nutrient-rich soil that's high in organic matter. Tomatoes can tolerate slightly acidic soils and are most productive with a soil pH of 6.0 to 6.8. |
| Temp Preference: | Soil at 60-95 degrees F for germination |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |



HOMESTEAD 24

DESCRIPTION

Great for hot, humid coastal regions in the South. This variety sets fruit under even in hot weather. Big, leafy vines produce huge amounts of smooth, red, round, 10-12 oz. fruits with exceptionally good taste. Resistance to cracking and cat facing.

| Hardiness Zone: | Annual. Not intended to overwinter. |
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| Planting Depth: | 2/3 of the plant underground. |
| Plant Spacing: | 12-18" |
| Row Spacing: | 24" |
| Growth Habit: | Semi-determinate. Large, leafy 4-5' tall with heavy foliage produce high yields of 7-10 oz red fruit. |
| Soil Preference: | They prefer well-draining, nutrient-rich soil that's high in organic matter. Tomatoes can tolerate slightly acidic soils and are most productive with a soil pH of 6.0 to 6.8. |
| Temp Preference: | 65-85 degrees F |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |
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NEPTUNE

DESCRIPTION

An early- to mid-season fresh market tomato specially bred for heat tolerance and resistance to bacteria wilt which is prevalent in the Southeast and Florida. Recommended for gardeners and market growers in hot, humid, rainy growing regions where it is difficult to grow tomatoes. 4-oz. red fruits in clusters of 2-4 on short vines.

| Hardiness Zone: | Annual. Not intended to overwinter. |
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| Planting Depth: | 2/3 of the plant underground. |
| Plant Spacing: | 18-24" |
| Row Spacing: | 36" |
| Growth Habit: | 2-4' High. Determinate and bushy. 4oz red fruit. |
| Soil Preference: | They prefer well-draining, nutrient-rich soil that's high in organic matter. Tomatoes can tolerate slightly acidic soils and are most productive with a soil pH of 6.0 to 6.8. |
| Temp Preference: | 65-85 degrees F |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |
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SAN MARZANO

DESCRIPTION

Teardrop-shaped, meaty, plum-type tomatoes are famous for their sweet, complex flavor that creates a fabulous pasta sauce. Choose San Marzano tomatoes if you like to can whole tomatoes, whip up homemade tomato sauce, or freeze slow-roasted tomatoes. These tomatoes also taste great chopped into salads and sliced onto sandwiches. These vigorous indeterminate tomatoes produce heavy fruit loads and need sturdy, tall stakes or cages. Expect vines to bear fruit right up to frost. Tuck one plant into a 10-gallon container or half whiskey barrel. San Marzano tomatoes resistant to verticillium wilt and fusarium wilt races 1 and 2.

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| Hardiness Zone: | Annual. Not intended to overwinter. |
| Planting Depth: | 2/3 of the plant underground. |
| Plant Spacing: | 24-36" |
| Row Spacing: | 30-48" |
| Growth Habit: | 5' Height. Indeterminate. Italian heirloom. Roma type. |
| Soil Preference: | They prefer well-draining, nutrient-rich soil that's high in organic matter. Tomatoes can tolerate slightly acidic soils and are most productive with a soil pH of 6.0 to 6.8. |
| Temp Preference: | 50-95 degrees F |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |
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SUPER SWEET 100 HYBRID

DESCRIPTION

Supersweet 100 Cherry Tomato is an indeterminate cherry type that produces huge clusters of 15-25 super sweet cherry tomatoes you've ever had. It's a home garden favorite! These tomatoes have an excellent sugary, sweet flavor! Great for snacking and in salads!

| Hardiness Zone: | Annual. Not intended to overwinter. |
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| Planting Depth: | 2/3 of the plant underground. |
| Plant Spacing: | 18-24" |
| Row Spacing: | 36" |
| Growth Habit: | 2' Height. Indeterminate. Sweet Cherry type. Needs stalking and caging. |
| Soil Preference: | They prefer well-draining, nutrient-rich soil that's high in organic matter. Tomatoes can tolerate slightly acidic soils and are most productive with a soil pH of 6.0 to 6.8. |
| Temp Preference: | 65-85 degrees F |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |

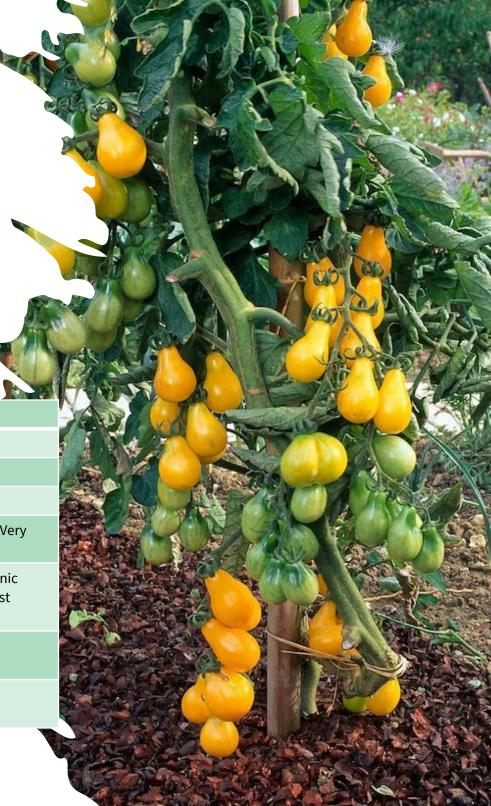


YELLOW PEAR

DESCRIPTION

Indeterminate heirloom - A prolific producing yellow cherry tomato in the shape of a pear! A truly adorable heirloom that we have as a favorite here for its production, flavor, and its ability to outgrow most everything in the garden. Tolerant to powdery mildew and blossom end rot.

| Hardiness Zone: | Annual. Not intended to overwinter. |
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| Planting Depth: | 2/3 of the plant underground. |
| Plant Spacing: | 24-36" |
| Row Spacing: | 48" |
| Growth Habit: | Vining. 8' or longer. Indeterminate. Pear shaped Cherry type. Very productive, heat resistant. |
| Soil Preference: | They prefer well-draining, nutrient-rich soil that's high in organic matter. Tomatoes can tolerate slightly acidic soils and are most productive with a soil pH of 6.0 to 6.8. |
| Temp Preference: | 65-85 degrees F |
| Light Preference: | Full sun, at least 6 hours per day |
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