

Cucumber Information



Stat Summary (H-19 stats)

Plant Spacing: 8-15" (8")

Row Spacing: 36-48" (5-6')

Planting Depth: 1/2-1" (1/2")

Plants Per Person: 2

Soil Temperature: 65-90° (68°F)

Days to Emergence: 4-14

Recommended Soil PH: 5.8-6.7

Seed Indoors: 6 weeks before transplanting (4-5 wks.)

Earliest Outdoor Planting: After Last Frost

✓Can direct seed outdoors

✓Can seed indoors

Planting Information

Cucumbers are a warm season crop; a warm, rich, limey ground is best but any well-drained, fertile soil will do, at least 65 degrees F and a pH of 5.8 to 6.7. Direct plant in groups of 4 to 6 seeds in raised beds or hills; this helps improve drainage. Sow seeds 1/2 to 1 inch deep with 3 to 4 feet between each group in all directions.

For transplanting, start seeds indoors in 3 1/2 inch across individual peat pots, this allows replanting the cucumbers without disturbing their roots. Fill pots with sterile seedling mix and plant seeds 1/2 inch deep. Transplant in garden when seedlings are about 3 weeks old. Set the whole peat pot in the soil, making sure the entire pot rim is below the soil line.

Thin to 8 to 15 inches apart in rows or 2 to 3 plants per group. Snip off plants when thinning to avoid disturbing the roots of nearby plants.

Growing Information

Mulch around plants to help consistent moisture to protect plants from insects and increase warmth for earlier and heavier yields. Cucumbers are heavy feeders and require nitrogen fertilizer, and/or additions of high-N organic matter sources; pale, yellowish leaves indicate nitrogen deficiency and leaf bronzing is a sign of potassium deficiency.

Harvesting and Storing Information

Harvest regularly and remove any old fruit to encourage continuous production. Best if eaten fresh, but can be stored for up to 3 weeks at 40-45°F and 95% humidity.

Insect and Disease Information

When young seedlings, control striped and spotted cucumber beetles by covering with floating row cover. When plants mature, use applications of Rotenone-Pyrethrin (two common organic pesticides). Removal of old plants will help reduce the likelihood of cucumber diseases.

Yield Information

You may want to grow more cucumber if you are planning on doing a lot of pickling.

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H-19 Little Leaf (OG)

Genuine

Diva

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