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From Seed to Harvest: A beginner's guide to growing cucumbers

Cucumbers can be grown for fresh eating, pickling and more. They range in flavor, colors, shapes and sizes. Some cucumbers are known as lemon cucumbers and are yellow. Cucumbers can grow in circles, elongated spheres and more.

To plant:

Plant seeds directly in rows or hills two weeks after the last spring frost. Seeds can sprout within five days. If you started the cucumbers inside, transplant seedlings after they are 3 weeks old and after the last spring frost. Space the cucumber rows or hills 6 feet apart, as cucumbers can take up lots of space.

Water prior to placing the seeds, and plant the seeds 1/2-inch-deep and 6 inches apart. Once seedlings grow three leaves, thin them to 12 inches apart. For gardeners who rotate their crops, plant cucumbers in the same place where Cole crops grew the year before.

To grow:

Cucumbers like full sun and well-drained soil with a pH of 6.0 to 6.5. Water 1 inch per week. Water consistently, because inconsistent watering can create misshapen cucumbers. To maximize the amount of cucumbers and decrease leaves, use a trellis or tomato cage to grow the cucumbers. To prevent pests, use row covers with your cucumbers. Use traps to prevent cucumber beetles, or plant borage nearby.

Cucumbers produce both male and female blooms, which are required for fruit growth. Male blooms drop off the plant, but female blooms will have the small swell at the base which turns into the cucumber.



[Boston Pickling Cucumber seeds](#)
[available at ufseeds.com](#)

To harvest:

Pick cucumbers often, as they can double in size quickly. To allow for the maximum harvest, pick cucumbers as soon as they are big enough. One plant can grow anywhere between 10 and 20 cucumbers. To pick the plant, use a knife or small shears to clip the stem just above the fruit. When a cucumber yellows at the bottom, it is overripe. Use cucumbers as soon as possible after harvesting.

What cucumbers crave:

When planting, mix compost with a little bit of organic fertilizer. During growth, use liquid fertilizer and apply directly to the soil near the stem. Granular fertilizer also can be used, but work it into the soil around the plant. Feed with fertilizer regularly.

Where to buy cucumber seeds:

Urban Farmer sells green cucumbers, pickling cucumbers, gherkin cucumbers and more. Check out our website at ufseeds.com!



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