

GROWER'S FACTS

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Cantaloupe



CULTURAL PRACTICES: start seeds indoors in early spring. After about six weeks and when all risk of frost has passed, the seedlings should be hardened off and planted in the garden.

SOIL: Melons need a well-drained, fertile soil with a pH of 6.5 to 7, high humus content and a high level of nitrogen.

SPACING: plant each seedling in slight mounds spaced one metre apart with one metre to 1.5 m between rows.

GROWING TIPS: make sure to protect young plants from wind and cold weather with cloches or plastic tunnels until they are well established. Soil should be rich in organic matter and kept moist. Choose a warm site in full sun. Pinch end of stems for faster ripening.

HARVEST: when the cantaloupes have a sweet scent and their stems break easily, they are ready to be harvested.