

# GROWER'S FACTS

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## Eggplant



**CULTURAL PRACTICES:** Eggplant grows like tomatoes. Sowing within 8 to 12 weeks before the last spring frost, germination will occur after 3 weeks at 24 ° C. Transplants 6 to 8 weeks later in individual pots. In May, the seedlings should be hardened, gradually reducing the temperature without falling below 15 ° C.

**SOIL:** plant them in the garden in June, in a rich and warm soil.

**SPACING:** space the plants at 60 cm in rows distant 80 cm to have an ideal flavour harvested before internal seeds develop.

**GROWING TIPS:** cut the main stem after the 5th leaf to allow the appearance of side stems which will produce fruit. When the flowers hatch, keep only 8-9 per plant to avoid depleting them, resulting in stunted and less flavorful fruit. Remove suckers (small stems) that sometimes appear at the base of the foot.

**HARVEST:** to have an ideal flavor harvested before the internal seeds develop.