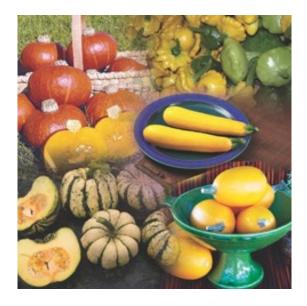
GROWER'S FACTS

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CULTURAL PRACTICES: warm season crop, which requires temperatures of 18 $^{\circ}$ C to 27 $^{\circ}$ C. Seedlings indoors three to four weeks before the last spring frost or directly in the garden.

SOIL: it requires warm, fertile, well-drained soil and full sun exposure.

SPACING: sow each seed 2.5 cm deep, in mounds 1.5 to 2 m apart. Thin them out later, keeping the best two or three plants.

GROWING TIPS: water a lot to conserve moisture, incorporate organic matter into the soil and mulch after planting. In cooler regions, protect young plants with bells or tunnels. Types with running vines can be installed on solid supports.

HARVEST: harvest them when the flower has fallen from the end of the fruit. Before harvesting winter squash, make sure that the fruit is fully ripe and that the rind is hard enough.