

# CUCUMBERS AT-A-GLANCE

## ABOUT

- Grown as annuals
- Indeterminate plants
- Produces fruit but is treated as a vegetable
- Cucumbers are 90% water
- Used fresh for slicing or for relishes & pickling
- Direct planting preferred
- Vine types need to be trellised

## STATS

- Vine or bush varieties available
- Two types: slicing or pickling
- Slicing types are long, thin & smooth and best for fresh eating
- Pickling types are used for canning and are bumpy, firm, and need to be picked when small
- Need to be planted in mounds



## REQUIREMENTS

- Location with early morning sun and at least 8 hours sunlight
- Rich, loose & nutrient-dense soil
- Soil temperatures 70° or higher
- Plant in mounds that are 18" long and 3-4" high in the middle

## PLANTING SEEDS

- Sow seeds as soon as soil temps are warm enough
- Place seeds at top of mounds every 3 inches
- Water deeply
- Germination takes 3-10 days depending on soil temp
- Thin seeds to 3 plants per mound

## PLANTING TRANSPLANTS

- Transplant 3 plants per mound
- Water deeply at the base of plants

## MAINTENANCE

- Water cucumbers deeply every few days in the early morning
- Water at the base of plants; Avoid getting leaves wet
- Fertilize with light dose of natural fertilizer every two weeks; Stop when fruit forms
- Harvest often so plants continue to produce fruit

## ISSUES

- Powdery mildew and root rot
- Pests include cucumber beetles

## MISC

- Don't plant near potatoes



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