

ZUCCHINI AT-A-GLANCE

ABOUT

- Type of summer squash
- Prolific producers; One healthy plant can grow 5-10 lbs of fruit
- Directly sown or started indoors
- Fruit full of nutrients & vitamins
- Can be used in multiple types of dishes; Even blooms are edible

- Produce fruit in 40-60 days
- Create mounds of soil & compost 4-6" tall by 18" in diameter
- Plant 3-6 seeds per mound
- Cover with soil and water well
- Thin to 3 healthiest plants per mound when few inches tall



STATS

- Spacing apart depends on variety; between 1-6 feet.
- Height also varies
- Fruit can be green, yellow, & white

PLANTING TRANSPLANTS

- Plant transplants same as seeds
- Only put 3 of the healthiest plants per mound

REQUIREMENTS

- Growing zones 3-9
- Full sun locations
- Soil pH between 6.0-7.5
- Soil needs to be organically rich, loose, fertile, and well draining
- Soil or outside temps must be above 55-60° F

MAINTENANCE

- Plants need 1" water each week
- Keep soil moist but no standing water
- Water in morning at plant's base
- Use several inches mulch to help retain moisture
- Fertilize when blooms start to set
- Harvest when fruit is 6-8" long

PLANTING SEEDS

- Wait until soil is warm enough for direct sowing
- Start seeds indoors 4 weeks prior to frost date

ISSUES

- Squash bugs and vine borers
- Powdery mildew

MISC

- May need to self pollinate



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