

CUCUMBERS 2023

		Cucumber note: save space in your garden by growing cucumbers vertically on trellises or in cages. The fruit will be longer and straighter, undersides won't be yellow, and the fruit will be less available to crawling pests such as slugs. 'Bush' type cukes have short vines - grow up on short trellis or cage or let them hang down over the edges of a container.	Key: OP=open pollinated F1=F1 hybrid
Name	Days to Maturity*	Description	Type
Armenian (Yard Long)	60 days	Cucumber relative (<i>Cucumis melo. var. flexuosus</i>). Ribbed, spineless, burpless fruits. Pick at 12-15 in. for best flavor. Fruit sets well at high temperatures.	OP; slicer; monoecious.
Beit Alpha	55 days	Early, sweet, burpless, and prolific, Beit Alpha produces well in both hot and cool weather. Disease resistant plants have vigorous 6 ft. vines, strong thick stems; the fruit can grow to 10-12 in. but is best picked at 6-8 in. Crunchy, nearly seedless fruits have smooth, tender, dark green skin with shallow furrows and don't need to be peeled. Plentiful foliage shades the soil and the baby cukes. Great for fresh eating and for pickling. Developed at, and named for, the Beit Alpha Kibbutz, in 1936.	OP, slicer, pickler, parthenocarpic
Burpee Burpless #26	60-66 days	Smooth, dark green fruit, very thin-skinned and tasty. Pick at 8-10 in. for best flavor. Resistant to mosaic and mildew.	F1; slicer; monoecious.
Burpee Hybrid II	55 days	Deep green striped with white, straight, 6-8 in. fruits, crisp and delicious. Early and high yielding; resistant to mosaic virus and downy mildew. A favorite since 1945.	F1; slicer; monoecious.
Burpless Bush	55 days	Firm, nearly seedless , consistently straight and cylindrical cucumbers. Dark green color, average 8-10 in. length. Resistant to disease. Compact, bushy plant with 2 ft. vines, good for small gardens and containers .	F1; slicer; gynoecious.
Burpless Supreme	55 days	Dark green, smooth, 12 in., nearly seedless cucumbers, with a sweet, mild, bitter-free flavor and thin skin. Great yields, heat tolerant, resistant to cucumber mosaic, powdery and downy mildew.	F1; slicer; monoecious.
Bush Pickle	45 days	Bushy plants bear early, white-spined, 5-inch cukes; great for small gardens or containers , plants measure only 3 feet in diameter at maturity. One of the best cucumbers for dill pickles.	F1; pickler; monoecious.
Diva	58 days	Vigorous, productive, disease resistant plants; abundant 6-8 in., burpless, seedless cucumbers with thin, tender, forest green skin, crisp flesh, excellent flavor. Especially delicious harvested small. 2002 AAS Winner. (Normally seedless, a few seeds may grow if pollinated by other cucumber plants.)	F1; slicer; gynoecious, parthenocarpic.
Homemade Pickles	55 days	Developed especially for home gardeners. Fruit is solid and crisp, perfect for pickles. Pick at 1.5 in. for tiny sweets or at 5-6 in. for dills. Vigorous plants with excellent disease resistance, heavy yields, long season production. Makes robust bite-sized pickles, slices, or large spears.	OP; pickler; monoecious.
Lemon	65 days	Heirloom introduced in 1894. Similar in appearance and size to a round lemon, averages 3 in. by 2 in.; sweet flavored, ideal for salads, relishes, pickles. Pretty when grown in large containers with support for the vines. Harvest when golf ball size for best texture and flavor, when fruit is paler and not bright yellow.	Heirloom; OP; monoecious.
Marketmore 76	58 days	8-9 in., slender fruits stay uniformly dark green and mild tasting even under heat stress. Excellent slicing cucumber and pickler. Multiple disease resistance, vigorous and productive across a long picking season.	OP; slicer, pickler; monoecious.
Palace King	60 days	Sooyow type from northern China. Ribbed, 12 inch or longer fruit, with fine white spines, very thin skin, doesn't need to be peeled. Great for pickling, slicing, sautéing. Tolerant of powdery mildew.	F1; slicer, pickler, monoecious.

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Persian Middle East	50 days	Little, 5-7 inch, sweet and crunchy cucumbers with thin skins, few seeds . Vines bear early and yields are excellent. Delicious fresh, and make great pickles.	OP; slicer, pickler; parthenocarpic, gynoecious
Russian Pickling	45-55 days	Mild, sweet, crunchy pickling cukes on hardy vines. Produces loads of short, 6-8 in., medium green fruit that is uniform in shape, over a very long season. Perfect for northern areas with short seasons; a great little cucumber for salads or pickles.	Heirloom; OP; slicer, pickler; monoecious.
Sooyow Nishiki	60 days	Very popular Japanese variety. Long (24-36 in.) ribbed fruit with white spines, crisp, sweet, burpless. Excellent for salads, bread-and-butter pickles, mixed veggie pickles. Grows well in hot weather, sets early.	OP; slicer, pickler; monoecious.
Spacemaster (Bush)	56-60 days	Bush-type slicer with 36 in. vines, great choice for small gardens or containers ; firm, uniform, 7.5 in. x 2.5 in. cukes with dark-green skin and white spines; resists cucumber mosaic virus and scab, tolerates downy and powdery mildew.	OP; slicer; monoecious.
Straight Eight	55-65 days	A cucumber classic, AAS winner in 1935, a reliable standard. 8 in. fruits are deep green, smooth skinned, symmetrical and straight, with white spines, small seed cavity, excellent flavor. High yielding, early, ideal for slicing and dill pickles. Disease resistant.	OP; slicer, pickler; monoecious.
Suyo Long Chinese	60-65 days	Heirloom from China. 15-18 in. long, ribbed, prickly (prickles easily rub off with gloved hand), deep green fruit, mild, sweet and crisp, burpless. Very productive plants, fruit can curl into fantastic shapes - a great climber. Grows well in hot weather and doesn't turn bitter. Resistant to powdery mildew.	Heirloom, OP; slicer, pickler; monoecious.
Sweet Slice	63 days	Early variety; dark green, straight, 10-12 in. fruit, flavorful, mild, burpless, sweet, does not need peeling. Strong yields, long season. Disease resistant, vigorous vines.	F1; slicer; monoecious.
Sweet Success	58 days	AAS winner 1983. 12-14 in., slender, smooth, thin skinned, burpless, very sweet, seedless fruits. Productive plant resists disease, sets fruit without pollination; if other varieties are near, pollination may occur, in which case a few undeveloped seeds may be present.	F1; slicer; gynoecious.
Sweetest Yet	48 days	Vigorous vines produce exceptional yields of 10-12 in., dark green fruit, crisp, burpless, sweet, with thin skins that require no peeling. Fruits mature very early. Highly disease resistant, semi-determinate plants.	F1; slicer; gynoecious.
Tasty Green	62 days	Popular Japanese cucumber, 10 in. long, burpless, crisp and mild, dark green and smooth skinned with fine white spines. Heavy yields, good for slicing, pickles.	F1; slicer, pickler; monoecious.
Telegraph Improved	60 days	Ridged English greenhouse type cucumbers that are burpless, mild flavored, dark green, thin and 10-18 in. long, nearly seedless . Grow well in greenhouse or outdoors, can climb 8 feet. Derived from the original 1897 English heirloom.	OP; slicer; gynoecious.
Tendergreen	55 days	7" long, crisp, burpless cucumbers; skin is thin and tender, not bitter, and entire cucumber can be eaten without peeling. Excellent for slicing and pickling, best harvested at 3-7 in. long. High yields from plants that are tolerant to high soil moisture, cold soil, and resistant to downy mildew.	OP; slicer, pickler; monoecious.
White Wonder	55-60 days	Beautiful ivory fruits are 6-8 in. long by 2-3 in. wide, mild and sweet, crisp and crunchy, delicious for pickling or slicing. Excellent yields, even in high heat. Introduced by W. Atlee Burpee in 1893, who received the seeds from a western New York State customer.	Heirloom; slicer, pickler; monoecious.

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Companions for Cucumbers		Corn: cucumbers are disliked by raccoons so it's good to plant them with corn, in exchange, corn protects cucumbers from wilt. Other companions: sunflowers, beets, radishes (deter cucumber beetles), carrots, cole crops, lettuce, onion, tomato, eggplant, dill (to attract beneficial insects), nasturtium. Cucumbers are said to dislike aromatic herbs (like rue, sage) and potatoes.	
Gynoecious		Has female flowers.	
Monoecious		Has separate male and female flowers on the same plant.	
Parthenocarpic		Sets fruit without pollination, so the fruit is seedless (unless pollinated by another variety, then there will be a few, undeveloped seeds).	