

Grow cucumbers in full sun and well-drained, fertile soil and provide even watering throughout the season. 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 and can be grown on a short trellis or cage or let them hang down over the edges of a container. **Cucumbers vary in their flowering pattern.** They may be gynoecious (only producing female flowers) or monoecious (producing separate male and female flowers on one plant). Gynoecious plants require a nearby pollinator (monoecious) plant unless it is also parthenocarpic. Parthenocarpic plants will produce fruit without pollinization and are seedless unless they are pollinated. Then, they will produce a few small seeds. **Cucumbers may be open pollinated (OP) or F1 hybrids (F1).** To save seeds, choose an OP variety and plant away from other varieties to avoid cross pollination.

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<u>Slicing Cucumbers</u>					
Armenian	60	vine		OP	Fruits are ribbed, light green, burpless, and non-bitter with a tender skin. Sets fruit well in heat.
Beit Alpha	55	vine	P	OP	Early, sweet, burpless, and prolific, Beit Alpha produces well in both hot and cool weather. Disease resistant plants have vigorous 6' vines, strong thick stems. The fruit can grow to 10-12" but is best picked at 6-8". 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.
Burpee Burpless #26	60-66	vine	M	F1	Smooth, dark green fruit is very thin-skinned and tasty. Pick at 8-10" for best flavor. Resistant to mosaic virus and powdery mildew.
Burpless Bush	55	bush	G	F1	Firm, nearly seedless, consistently straight and cylindrical cucumbers are dark green and average 8-10" long. Resistant to disease. Compact, 2' vines are good for small gardens and containers.
Burpless Supreme	55	vine	M	F1	Dark green, smooth, 12", and nearly seedless cucumbers have a sweet, mild, bitter-free flavor and thin skin. Great yields, heat tolerant, resistant to cucumber mosaic and powdery and downy mildew.
Bush Champion	55	bush		F1	Large, bright green fruits on compact vines that are great for small gardens or containers. Plants are productive and adaptable.

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Diva	58	vine	P	F1	Vigorous, disease resistant plants produce abundant 6-8", burpless, seedless cucumbers with thin, tender, forest green skin, crisp flesh, and excellent flavor. Especially delicious harvested small. 2002 AAS Winner. (Normally seedless, a few seeds may grow if pollinated by other cucumber plants.)
Fanfare	63	semi-bush	M	F1	Semi-dwarf vines produce deep green, crisp, mild flavored fruits over a long season. Good for containers. AAS winner.
Lemon	65	vine	M	OP	An heirloom introduced in 1894 with fruit similar in appearance and size to a round lemon, averaging 3" by 2". Flavor is sweet, and fruit is ideal for salads, relishes, and pickles. Pretty when grown in large containers with support for the vines. Harvest when golf ball size and pale yellow for best texture and flavor.
Marketmore 76	58	vine	M	OP	8-9", slender fruits stay uniformly dark green and mild tasting even under heat stress. Excellent slicing cucumber and pickler. Plants are disease resistance, vigorous, and productive over a long picking season.
Palace King	60	vine	M	F1	A sooyow type from northern China. Ribbed, 12" or longer fruits have fine white spines, very thin skin, and don't need to be peeled. Great for pickling, slicing, sautéing. Tolerant of powdery mildew.
Patio Snacker	39	bush	M, P	F1	Cucumbers are dark green, crunchy, and flavorful but not bitter. Harvest abundant fruit at 6-7". Vines are compact, growing to 24-36" wide and good for container or raised beds.
Persian No-Peel	55	vine		OP	A slicer with 7" long, non-bitter fruits that do not need peeling.
Saladmore Bush	55	bush	M	F1	8" cucumbers are crisp, sweet, and deep green. Plants are compact and suitable for containers or raised beds. Good disease resistance.
Slice More	62	vine	G	F1	Cucumbers grow to 8" long and are dark green, smooth, crisp, and uniform. Plants are vigorous and high yielding.
Sooyow Nishiki	60	vine	M	OP	A very popular Japanese variety producing long (24-36"), ribbed fruit with white spines. Crisp, sweet, and burpless, they are excellent for salads, bread-and-butter pickles, and mixed veggie pickles. Grows well in hot weather and sets early.

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Spacemaster 80	60	bush	M	F1	Compact, 2-3', runnerless vines are high yielding and disease resistant. Cucumbers are dark green, smooth, and grow to about 8".
Spacemaster	56-60	bush	M	OP	A bush-type slicer with 36" vines. A great choice for small gardens or containers. Firm, uniform, 7.5" x 2.5" cukes are dark-green and have white spines Resistant to cucumber mosaic virus and scab and tolerant to downy and powdery mildew.
Straight Eight	55-65	vine	M	OP	A classic, reliable cucumber with 8" fruits that are deep green, smooth skinned, symmetrical, and straight with white spines, small seed cavity, and excellent flavor. High yielding, early, and ideal for slicing and dill pickles. Disease resistant.
Suyo Long Chinese	60-65	vine	M	OP	Heirloom from China with 15-18" long, ribbed, prickly (prickles easily rub off with gloved hand), deep green fruit that is mild, sweet, crisp, and burpless. Fruit can curl into fantastic shapes. Very productive plants are great climbers and grow well in hot weather. Resistant to powdery mildew.
Sweet Slice	63	vine	M	F1	Disease resistant, vigorous vines produce dark green, straight, 10-12" fruit that is flavorful, mild, burpless, sweet, and does not need peeling. Strong yields and long season.
Sweet Success	58	vine	G, P	F1	Cucumbers are 12-14", slender, smooth, thin skinned, burpless, very sweet, and seedless. Productive plants resist disease and sets fruit without pollination (if other varieties are near, pollination may occur, in which case a few undeveloped seeds may be present).
Sweetest Yet	48	vine	G	F1	A very early selection with vigorous vines producing exceptional yields of 10-12", dark green fruits that are crisp, burpless, sweet, with thin skins that require no peeling. Highly disease resistant, semi-determinate plants.
Tasty Green	62	vine	M	F1	A popular Japanese cucumber with 10" long, burpless, crisp, and mild fruit that is dark green and smooth skinned with fine white spines. Heavy yields and good for slicing and pickles.
White Wonder	55-60	vine	M	OP	Beautiful ivory fruits are 6-8" long by 2-3" wide, mild, sweet, crisp, and crunchy. Delicious for pickling or slicing. Excellent yields, even in high heat. Introduced by W. Atlee Burpee in 1893.

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<u>English Cucumbers</u>					
English	55	vine			Popular in grocery stores, this cucumber produces abundant yields of 8", burpless, sweet fruits with dark green, tender skin that does not need peeling. Vigorous vines are mildew resistant.
Telegraph Improved	60	vine	G	OP	Ridged, English greenhouse-type cucumbers that are burpless, mild flavored, dark green, thin, 10-18" long, and nearly seedless. Grows well in greenhouse or outdoors and can climb 8 feet. Derived from the original 1897 English heirloom.
Tendergreen	55	vine	M	OP	7" long, crisp, burpless cucumbers with skin that is thin, tender, and not bitter. The entire cucumber can be eaten without peeling. Excellent for slicing and pickling. Best harvested at 3-7" long. High yields from plants that are tolerant to high soil moisture and cold soil and resistant to downy mildew.
<u>Pickle Cucumbers</u>					
Backyard Pickler	54	vine	M		Mid-sized, 4-5" fruit have excellent flavor and crisp, solid texture. High yielding.
Boston Pickling	57	vine	M	OP	A home gardener classic, this variety produces an abundance of 6" fruit with crisp, solid flesh and thin skin.
Bush Pickle	45	bush	M	F1	Bushy plants bear early, white-spined, 5" cukes. Great for small gardens or containers, plants measure only 3' in diameter at maturity. One of the best cucumbers for dill pickles.
Homemade Pickles	55	vine	M	OP	Developed especially for home gardeners. Fruit is solid and crisp, perfect for pickles. Pick at 1.5" for tiny sweets or at 5-6" for dills. Vigorous plants with excellent disease resistance, heavy yields, and long season production. Makes robust bite-sized pickles, slices, or large spears.