

EGGPLANTS 2023

		<u>Key: OP=Open Pollinated , F1=F1 Hybrid</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Days to Maturity*</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Type</u>
Bambino	45-48 days	Unique baby vegetable for garden and containers . 12 in. plants, showy lavender flowers and abundant round, 1.5 in., shiny dark purple, flavorful fruit; perfect size for grilled kabobs.	F1
Black Beauty	74 days	Bushy, spreading plants produce large (1-3 lbs.), oval, glossy eggplants with deep purple skin, tender and tasty at all stages of growth. Introduced 1902.	OP, Heirloom
Bride	75 days	Compact, 14-16 in., well-branched plants produce straight and slender fruits, 8 in. by 1.5 in. diameter, in clusters of 2 or 3. Skin is white with lavender stripes, flesh is white, velvet-creamy, tender. Perfect for stir-fries and grilling. From China. Beautiful in container .	F1
Casper	70-75 days	5-6 in. long, slightly oval fruit has ivory, tender skin, white flesh, mild flavor similar to mushrooms. Compact, productive plant.	OP, Heirloom
Dusky	62 days	Productive, early eggplant with premium quality fruits. Compact, 24-30 in. plants; glossy deep purple, firm, oval fruit. Does very well in northern or short season growing areas. Tobacco mosaic virus resistant. Fruits grow 8 in. long but can be picked when 3 to 5 in. Excellent flavor.	F1
Epic	64 days	High yields of oval, purple/black fruit, 6-8 in. long x 4 in. wide (can be picked at 3-5 in. for baby eggplants), on sturdy 24-36 in. plants. Delicious roasted, grilled, stuffed, baked. Resistant to TMV.	F1
Fairy Tale	50-63 days	18 to 24 inch plants ideal for containers as well as the garden. Early, heavy yields of elongated lavender fruit with white stripes, in clusters of three to five. White flesh, non-bitter, best picked when about 4 in. long x 1-3/4 in. wide and while the skin is still shiny. AAS winner for 2005; very ornamental.	F1
Gretel	55 days	Compact plants (36 in. high, 24 in. wide) produce many clusters of beautiful, white skinned, tender, nearly seedless, mild fruits, which can be picked at 3-4 in. for baby veggies or allowed to grow longer. AAS winner 2009. The perfect companion to Hansel and Fairy Tale, and lovely in a container ; delicious for all culinary purposes.	F1
Hansel	55 days	Abundant long, slim, dark purple eggplants held in clusters on sturdy upright plants. Delicious tender, non-bitter fruits, with few seeds. Pick at 2-3 in. for baby eggplant, or let them grow to full size, 9-10 in. 2008 AAS winner. Great in the garden, perfect container plant. Ht. 2-3 ft. Excellent for all culinary purposes.	F1
Ichiban	61 days	Long, slender, deep purple Asian eggplants with wonderful, mild flavor, for stir-fry or simply splitting and grilling or roasting. Productive 30 in. plants, foliage with a purple tinge, heavy yields of 8 in. long fruits. Can be picked young.	F1
Italian Pink Bicolor	80-90 days	Large (6 to 8 inches), bell-shaped fruit, creamy lavender with rose pink vertical stripes. Sweet and tender, delicious grilled or roasted.	OP, Heirloom
Listada de Gandia	80-90 days	Italian heirloom. Beautiful oval or teardrop shaped, 6-8 in. white fruit with bright purple stripes, sweet and tender, thin skin. Excellent for slicing, baking, stuffing. Sets fruit well in high summer heat. 12-18 in. tall.	OP, Heirloom
Little Fingers	60-65 days	Small sturdy plants produce clusters of 3 or more slim, dark purple eggplants; can be harvested when little finger size or allowed to grow to 6 in. long; mild, sweet flavor - delicious stir-fried, grilled, or even pickled. Small, high-yielding plants are very pretty in containers .	OP

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Millionaire, a.k.a. Tycoon	54 days	Beautiful, shiny, black-purple Japanese type eggplant, 12 in. long x 2 in. wide, with nearly seedless white flesh and tender skin. Wonderful flavor for stir fries, roasting, grilling. Sturdy, upright plants bear early and heavily. Loves summer heat.	F1
Orient Express	58 days	Early Asian type that sets fruit in cool or hot weather. Fruits are shiny, dark purple, slender, 8-10 in. long x 1.5-2.5 in diameter, thin-skinned and tender, with a delicate flavor; delicious grilled, roasted, stir fried.	F1
Pingtung Long	65-75 days	Beautiful eggplant from Pingtung, Taiwan. Very long, slender, 12-18 x 1½ inch shiny violet fruits; tender white flesh, delicious flavor, no need to peel, tasty grilled, roasted, stir fried. Hardy, vigorous, productive plants; disease resistant, stress tolerant, thrive in summer heat.	OP
Rosa Bianca	80-90 days	Lovely Italian heirloom. Delicate flavor, creamy flesh, no bitterness. Round, 4-5 in. ribbed fruit streaked with white and violet, perfect for baking, stuffing, roasting. Does best when nights are warm.	OP, Heirloom
Satin Moon	50 days	Improved version of Satin Beauty, early and productive. Large, bushy, 28 in. plants, 8 in. oval, slightly fluted, glossy purple fruit. Mild flavor, firm texture, excellent for grilling and Italian cooking.	F1
Thai Round Green	53-80 days	Little 2 in. round, green striped eggplants, just right for Thai and Vietnamese recipes, stir fries, roasting, grilling. Plants are sturdy and very productive, disease resistant.	OP
Companions		Beans (not runner beans), peas, peppers, potatoes, spinach, garlic, marigolds, tarragon, thyme, mint. Said to dislike fennel.	