

## BEAR BOTTOM ACRES

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#### GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

- SEED # 1 DIRECT SEED 2" APART. SEED DEPTH 1/2". THIN TO 6-8" APART. FULL SUN. SOW SEEDS OUTDOORS WHEN THE SOIL HAS WARMED . TOLERANT OF HEAT AND DROUGHT, BUT NOT OF COLD KEEP WELL PICKED FOR HIGHER YIELDS
- SEED # 2 PREPARE FERTILE, WELL-DRAINED SOIL. SOW SEEDS IN LATE SUMMER/FALL IN A SUNNY LOCATION. KEEP SOIL MOIST. FERTILIZE AS NEEDED. GERMINATION TEMPERATURE 55 - 70 F. SEED DEPTH 1/2" SEED SPACING 1" THIN TO 4 - 6" ROW DISTANCE 18-24".
- SEED # 3 DIRECT SEED (RECOMMENDED): SOW 2 SEEDS EVERY 2' (THIN TO 1) WITH AT LEAST 36" BETWEEN ROWS AFTER LAST FROST. TRELLIS FOR EASIER HARVEST, STRAIGHTER FRUITS & LESS DISEASE PRESSURE.  
TRANSPLANT: SOW INDOORS 2-3 WEEKS BEFORE LAST FROST IN PEAT POTS (PLANT ENTIRE POT) OR SOIL BLOCKS TO MINIMALLY DISTURB ROOTS WHEN TRANSPLANTED WITH ABOVE SPACING.
- SOWING DATE: SOIL 70 F, LATE MAY - EARLY JUNE  
SEED DEPTH: 1/4 INCH  
DAYS TO GERMINATION: 3 WARM - 10 COOL  
DAYS TO MATURITY: 65  
PLANT SPACING AFTER THINNING: 2 FEET  
HEIGHT: FULL VINE
- SEED # 4 • SOW SEEDS IN TRAYS 6-8 WEEKS BEFORE ANTICIPATED TRANSPLANT DATE; UP-POT INTO 3-4 INCH POTS WHEN THE FIRST SET OF TRUE LEAVES APPEARS. STRONG LIGHT AND COOLER TEMPERATURES (60-70°F) PREVENT PLANTS FROM GETTING LEGGY. FERTILIZE WITH AGE OLD GROW EVERY 10-14 DAYS. WHEN TRANSPLANTING WORK IN COMPOST, 1/2 CUP OF TSC'S COMPLETE FERTILIZER, AND HANDFUL OF BONE MEAL.
- SEED # 5 START THE SEEDS INDOORS AT LEAST 40 DAYS BEFORE YOU WISH TO PLANT THESE SEEDLINGS OUTDOORS. SOW THEM UNDER A LIGHT DUSTING OF SOIL IN PEAT POTS AND TRANSPLANT SEEDLINGS OUTDOORS AFTER ALL DANGER OF FROST HAS PASSED AND WHEN SOIL TEMPERATURES WARM TO 60 F. (16 C.). PLACE THE PLANTS IN WELL-DRAINED SOIL WHERE THE PLANTS RECEIVE AT LEAST EIGHT HOURS OF SUNLIGHT PER DAY.

**SEED # 6**      START SEEDS 2 TO 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE LAST SPRING FROST DATE. BEFORE PLANTING, MIX 1 CUP OF 5-10-10 FERTILIZER INTO THE SOIL FOR EVERY 20 FEET OF SINGLE ROW. PLANT THE SEEDS  $\frac{1}{2}$  TO  $\frac{3}{4}$  OF INCH DEEP IN WELL-DRAINED, RICH, LIGHT SOIL. SPACE THE SEEDS ABOUT 18 INCHES APART IN SINGLE ROWS OR 10 TO 18 INCHES APART IN WIDE ROWS. SOW EIGHT TO TEN SEEDS PER FOOT OF ROW.

**SEED # 7**      SOW SEEDS IN SPRING WHEN THE SOIL HAS WARMED UP. PREPARE A WELL DRAINED BED WITH WELL TILLED SOIL. SEEDS SHOULD BE 6 INCHES APART AND JUST UNDER THE SURFACE OF THE SOIL. KEEP THE BED MODERATELY MOIST UNTIL GERMINATION AND THEN THIN THE PLANTS WHEN THEY REACH 2 INCHES HIGH. THIS WILL NOT NEED A LOT OF SUPPLEMENTAL CARE, BUT THE BED DOES NEED TO BE KEPT WEDED AND THE PLANTS SHOULD RECEIVE AT LEAST 1 INCH OF WATER PER WEEK.