Supersweet Corn

Zea mays 'Supersweet'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Supersweet

Description:

A great variety that produces ears of corn that can reach up to 8 inches long; golden kernels are smaller and have a crisp texture; perfect for gardens or used as a natural screen in landscapes; ideal flavor for corn on the cob, corn salsas or salads

Edible Qualities

Supersweet Corn is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces small cobs of yellow long kernels with gold overtones which are typically harvested when mature. The kernels have an exceptionally sweet taste and a crisp texture.

The kernels are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking

Planting & Growing

Supersweet Corn will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. This fast-growing vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.



Supersweet Corn fruit
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This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.