Long Island Cheese Pumpkin

Cucurbita moschata 'Long Island Cheese'



Long Island Cheese Pumpkin fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A lovely heirloom selection that is both decorative and delicious; producing large, flattened tan pumpkins with deep ribbing, giving way to bright orange flesh; a lovely sweet flavor and texture, excellent for baking, soups, stews and roasting

Edible Qualities

Long Island Cheese Pumpkin is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces large tan round fruit with orange flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking

Planting & Growing

Long Island Cheese Pumpkin will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. This 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 plant is typically 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.