Xtra-Tender Corn

Zea mays 'Xtra-Tender'



Xtra-Tender Corn fruit
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 9 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A lovely mid season choice that produces 8-9" long ears of corn with deep green husks and long flags; sweet and tender kernels range from cream to gold; a wonderful addition to salsas and salads as well as grilled, roasted or fresh off the cob

Edible Qualities

Xtra-Tender Corn is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces cobs of yellow long kernels with creamy white variegation which are harvested from mid summer to early fall. The kernels have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The kernels are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Canning
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Xtra-Tender Corn will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 9 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.

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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.