Snowball Cauliflower

Brassica oleracea var. botrytis 'Snowball'



Snowball Cauliflower fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Heirloom

Description:

A well loved and uniform heirloom variety; produces 7" fully domed white heads with large, vigorous leaves; sweet and crunchy, ideal for pickling, roasting, freezing or eating with dip; self-blanching selection, ideal for fall harvests

Edible Qualities

Snowball Cauliflower is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. The round green tightly-wrapped heads of foliage are typically harvested when mature. The heads have a sweet taste and a crunchy texture.

The heads are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Pickling
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Snowball Cauliflower will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 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 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. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. 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.

Snowball Cauliflower is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.