Arapaho Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Arapaho'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Chayenne Pepper

Description:

An early ripening and very productive variety; short plants are perfect for container gardening; 9" long wrinkled fruit with thick walls have a spicy flavor with sweet undertones; excellent for drying, frying, making salsas or ristras



Arapaho Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Edible Qualities

Arapaho Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces green long peppers (which are technically 'berries') which are typically harvested when mature. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a spicy taste and a crisp texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Drying
- Seasoning
- Sauces



Arapaho Pepper fruit
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Planting & Growing

Arapaho Pepper will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches 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 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. 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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Arapaho Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.