Oriental Melon

Cucumis melo var. makuwa



Oriental Melon fruit
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Korean Melon

Description:

A wonderful early maturing and high yielding selection, great for home and market gardens; produces small, oblong, bright yellow fruit with white ribs; inner flesh is creamy-peach in color with a crisp and delicious flavor; ideally eaten fresh or pickled



Oriental Melon fruit and flesh
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Edible Qualities

Oriental Melon is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small yellow oblong melons (which are technically 'berries') with white stripes and creamy white flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The melons have a delicious taste with a juicy texture and a sweet fragrance.

The melons are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Oriental Melon will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. 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 type or pH. 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 species is not originally from North America.

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