Fortune Melon

Cucumis melo var. reticulatus 'Fortune'



Fortune Melon fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A wonderful variety with strong vine growth; uniform, oval shaped fruit with medium netting; sweet and crisp peach colored flesh; fragrant, flavorful and juicy, great for snacking or adding to salads; best if grown on trellises

Edible Qualities

Fortune Melon is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces tan oval melons (which are technically 'berries') with peach flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The melons have a sweet taste with a crisp texture and a sweet fragrance.

The melons are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Fortune Melon will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.