Early Fortune Cucumber

Cucumis sativus 'Early Fortune'



Early Fortune Cucumber fruit
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Special Dark Green Cucumber

Description:

Productive and high yielding, this heirloom variety produces early maturing, dark green, white spined fruit; cucumbers reach 8" in length; sweet with little to no bitterness, this slicing type is delicious added to salads or vegetable trays

Edible Qualities

Early Fortune Cucumber is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces dark green long cucumbers (which are technically 'berries') with white spines and light green flesh which can be harvested at any point. The cucumbers have a sweet taste and a crunchy texture.

The cucumbers are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Pickling

Planting & Growing

Early Fortune Cucumber will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 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 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 quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. 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.

Early Fortune Cucumber 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 the canvas 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.