Purple Elite Carrot

Daucus carota var. sativus 'Purple Elite'



Purple Elite Carrot fruit and flesh
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 16 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 2 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Imperator Carrot

Description:

A beautiful imperator shaped selection, great for large containers, raised beds and gardens; produces 7-9" long, tapered rich purple carrots with contrasting yellow cores and striations; perfectly sweet and crunchy, great fresh, cooked and roasted

Edible Qualities

Purple Elite Carrot is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces large deep purple long roots with yellow flesh which are harvested from mid summer to mid fall. The roots have a sweet taste and a crunchy texture.

The roots are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Purple Elite Carrot will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 2 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. Because of its relatively short time to maturity, it lends itself to a series of successive plantings each staggered by a week or two; this will prolong the effective harvest period.

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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Purple Elite Carrot 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.