

# Eggplant

*A beautiful, tropical addition to the Nightshade family, eggplant needs a long, hot season to set fruit. And we're not just talking dark purple fruit either, unusual varieties can form fruit in colors such as green, orange, white, and lavender! Not to mention long skinny shapes great for stirfries.*

**PLANTING:** Transplant starts 2-3 weeks after last spring frost occurs into soil previously heated up with a good layer of compost or a cloche. Space 18-24" apart.

**CULTURE:** Your plants will need hot, full sun, and regular, but not daily watering.

**FERTILIZING:** Amend your soil with lots of organic matter, thereby creating a loamy, free-draining medium.

**HARVESTING:** Harvest when fruit has reached the expected mature size and has smooth, shiny skin.

NAME	DESCRIPTION	DTM
<b>Bambino</b>	Tasty thumb-sized fruits. 12" tall plants. Great in containers.	45-60
<b>Black Beauty</b>	Dark purple, egg shaped fruits. Delicious.	80
<b>Comprido Verde Claro</b>	Oval, 3-4" long slightly ribbed, lime green fruits turn orange. Unusual looking variety.	72
<b>Dusky</b>	Deep purple, 8-9" long fruits on 24-30" tall plants. Heavy and early producer.	80
<b>Ghostbuster</b>	6-7" long, white skinned, oval shaped fruit.	80
<b>Green Goddess</b>	Strong, spreading plants. High yielding; up to 78 fruits per plant. 8" long, pale green, mild, good tasting fruits.	63
<b>Ichiban</b>	3' plants hold long, slender, dark purple fruits with a small seed cavity. Prolific. Attractive plant all around.	61
<b>Japanese Black Long</b>		
<b>Neon Pink</b>	Strong, bushy plant holds striking deep pink fruits that are best at about 5 to 6" long, 3 to 4" wide.	73