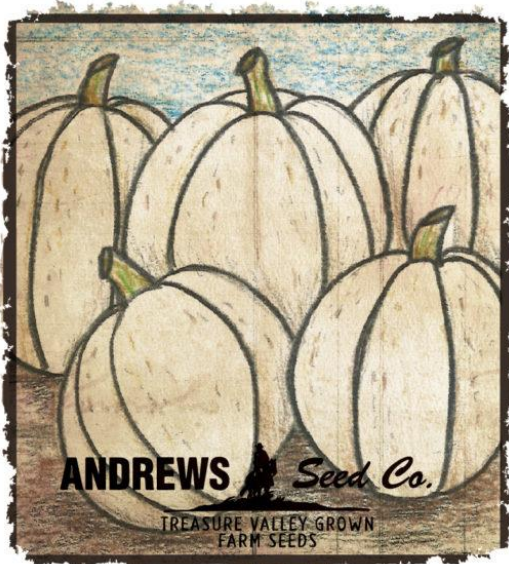


CASPER

Medium Pumpkins

This medium-sized, white pumpkin is a wonderfully versatile choice for the garden. With its sweet flesh, it is great for pies.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Cucurbita pepo* "Casper"

Plant Dimensions: 30 sq. ft. of space

Days to Maturity: 90 - 120

Zone: 3 - 10

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: Direct seeding is the easiest and most successful method of planting. Sow in late spring when soil is at least 70°F and danger of frost has passed. Sow 2 seeds at the appropriate spacing interval for the variety's vine length, 1" deep. Thin to 1 plant per spacing interval after seedlings are established.

Start Inside: Sow 2-3 seeds per 2" container or plug flat about 3 weeks prior to transplanting. Transplant should be no older than 3 weeks as stunting and damage can happen. Thin to 1 plant/container or cell with scissors. Harden plants 4-7 days prior to transplanting

Days to Emerge: 7 - 14 days

Seed Depth: 1"

Seed Spacing: 24" - 36"

Row Spacing: 8' - 12'

GROWING INFO

Growing: Pumpkins are heavy feeders with a long growing season. Prior to planting in the garden, add compost and aged manure to the soil. Add 1 cup of complete organic fertilizer below each plant prior to sowing and mix the fertilizer into the soil. Regularly treat pumpkins with compost and manure mixed with water or feed weekly with a fish or kelp-based fertilizer. Another

option for fertilizing is to use a high-nitrogen fertilizer when plants are 1 foot tall and a high-phosphorous fertilizer before the blooming period starts.

Harvesting: When fruit color is fully developed, clip handles close to the vine. Avoid picking up fruit by handles and take care not to damage the skin/rind. Sun cure in the field for 5-7 days. If possible, store at 50-60°F with 50-70% humidity and good ventilation.

Fruit: Medium-sized, white pumpkin.