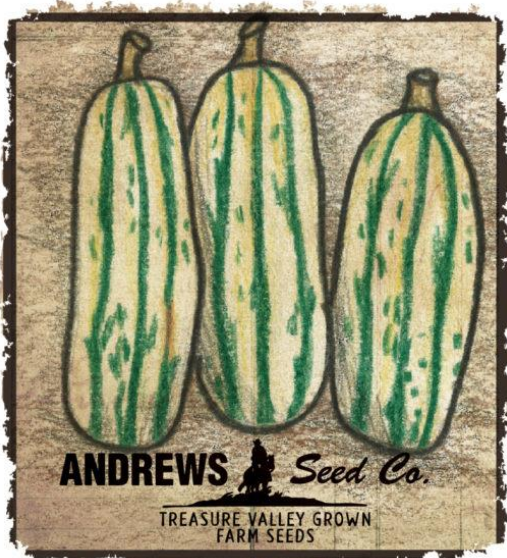


# DELICATA

## Winter Squash

"Introduced in 1894, this squash boasts a high sugar content lending its flesh a satisfying sweetness. The fruits are light yellow with green stripes.



## NOTES

### VARIETY INFO

**Botanical Name:** *Cucurbita pepo* "Delicata"

**Plant Dimensions:** 9'-12' vines

**Days to Maturity:** 90

**Zone:** 8-10

### SOWING INFO

**Sow Outside:** RECOMMENDED. 1 to 2 weeks after your average last frost date, and when soil temperature is 70°–85°F.

**Start Inside:** Not recommended except in very short growing seasons, 2 to 4 weeks before transplanting.

Roots are sensitive to disturbance; sow in bio-degradable pots that can be planted directly into the ground.

Transplant when soil is at least 60°F.

**Days to Emerge:** 5–10 days

**Seed Depth:** ½" - 1"

**Seed Spacing:** 2 - 3 seeds per mound

**Row Spacing:** 4' - 6'

**Thinning:** When 3" leaves, thin to 1–2 per mound

### GROWING INFO

**Harvesting:** Harvest when the squash's rind is hard enough that you can't dent it with your fingernail and before first frost. Cut stem, (don't break it off) leaving 2" of stem attached, which keeps the squash whole.

**Fruit:** The fruits are light yellow with green stripes. As its name suggests, it has characteristically a delicate rind (or skin).