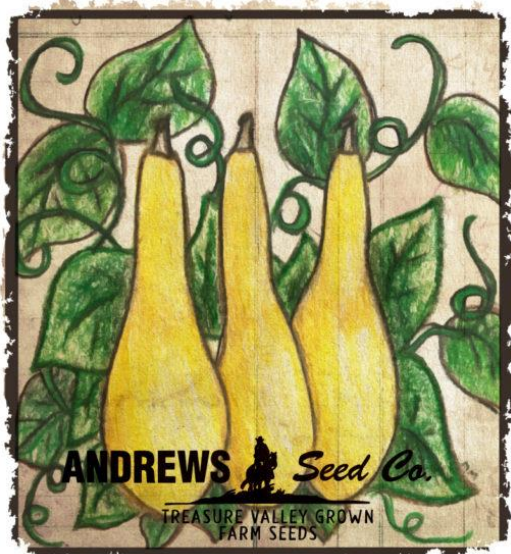


# EARLY PROLIFIC STRAIGHTNECK

## Summer Squash

Early to harvest straightneck yields a large crop of creamy yellow-skinned fruits. Ever popular heirloom, with a lush buttery, nutty flavor, makes a delicious side-dish and fragrant, flavorful soup.



### NOTES

### VARIETY INFO

**Botanical Name:** *Cucurbita pepo*

**Plant Dimensions:** Vines up to 2' form a 3'-4' bush-type plant.

**Days to Maturity:** 45

**Zone:** 3-10

### SOWING INFO

**Sow Outside:** RECOMMENDED. 1 to 2 weeks after your average last frost date, and when soil temperature is 70°–85°F. Sow 1-2 seeds about 3-4 feet inches apart. Cover with 1 inch of fine soil.

**Start Inside:** Not recommended except in very short growing seasons. **Days to Emerge:** 5–10 days

**Seed Depth:** ½"–1"

**Seed Spacing:** 2–3 seeds per mound

**Row Spacing:** 3'–4'

**Thinning:** When 3 leaves, thin to 1 plant per mound

### GROWING INFO

**Harvesting:** Fruits are best harvested when 8–9" long. Harvest often. To keep summer squash producing pick all fruit at this stage. If fruit is allowed to mature the plant may stop producing. To pick summer squash give the fruit a gentle twist until it snaps off.

**Fruit:** It produces new fruits for weeks, as long as the squash is harvested frequently.