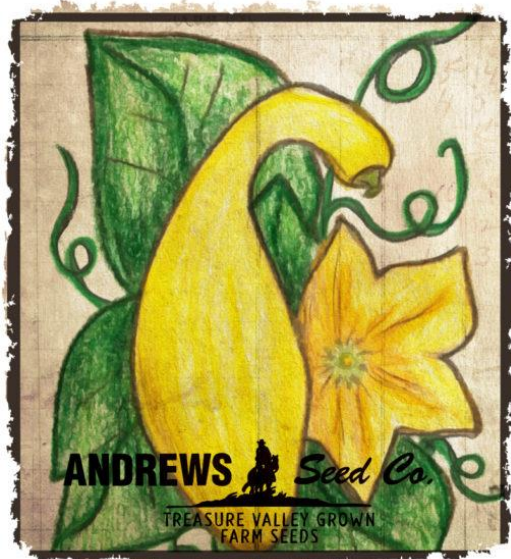


GOLDEN SUMMER CROOKNECK

Summer Squash

Distinctive in both appearance and taste, the Golden Summer Crookneck often takes the appearance of a smooth-skinned gourd. This very popular variety is also favored for its super high yields, and its ease of cultivation.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Cucurbita pepo* "

Plant Dimensions: 9'-12' vines

Days to Maturity: 90

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.

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

Roots are sensitive to disturbance; sow in biodegradable pots that can be planted directly into the ground. Transplant when soil temperature 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 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, leaving no opening for infection. Though fruits are hard and may seem indestructible, treat them gently; bruising can spoil squash.

Fruit: Plants produces 5-7-inch fruits with bright yellow, bumpy skin and a creamy-buttery tasting flesh.