# **HOLLOW CROWN**

## **Parsnips**

Hollow Crown Parsnip is an old heirloom with the best crisp, parsnip taste of all! This variety produces a 12-14" tapering root that is 2-3" wide. Hollow Crown is a valuable winter food source that is best if eaten after the first frost as this causes them to produce more sugar.



**NOTES** 

### **VARIETY INFO**

**Botanical Name:** *Pastinaca sativa* "Hollow Crown" **Plant Dimensions:** 12-14" root that is 2-3" wide.

Days to Maturity: 90–100

**Zone:** 3-9

### **SOWING INFO**

**Sow Outside:** Sow in early to middle spring, 1" apart, 1/2" deep, in rows 18-24" apart. Parsnip seeds are slow to germinate in cold soil and may take 2-4 weeks. Do not allow soil to dry out prior to emergence.

**Start Inside:** Parsnips also can be started inside, where you can mix the seeds with compost in a bag and then tie off the bag. Leave the bag in a warm, dark place and seedlings should sprout within a week. After they've sprouted, transplant the seedlings to the garden.

Days to Emerge: 7-15 days

Seed Depth: 1/2" Seed Spacing: 3" Row Spacing: 18"

Thinning: Thin plants to 2-3" apart.

#### **GROWING INFO**

Harvesting: Use shovel or fork to get under crops and push up. Dig in the fall or leave in the ground through the winter. When harvesting in early spring, dig before the tops begin to re-grow for the highest quality roots. Hold washed or unwashed in perforated bags or bins at 32°F and 95% humidity.

**Fruit:** This variety produces a 12-14" tapering root that is 2-3" wide.