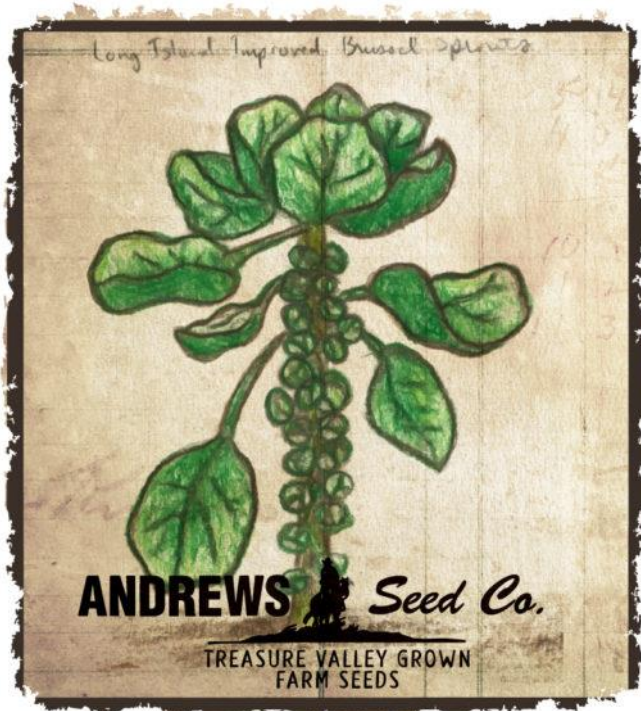


LONG ISLAND IMPROVED

Brussel Sprouts

Long Island Improved has been the standard open-pollinated variety since the 1890's. It produces heavy yields of delicious sprouts. Semi-dwarf plants are stocky with leaves closely spaced, so there are lots of tasty sprouts on the short, self-supporting stems.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Brassica Oleracea*

Plant Dimensions: 24"

Days to Maturity: 100

Zone: 3 - 9

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: When soil reaches at least 60-65°F. Sow 2-3 seeds every 18-24" apart. Thin to the strongest seedling per space.

Start Inside: RECOMMENDED. 4 to 6 weeks before transplanting outside, 4 months before your average first fall frost date so sprouts mature in cool weather. Sow seeds in pots, 2-3 per cell, about 1/2 inch deep. Thin the smallest, weakest plants to 1 per cell.

Transplant outdoors once the seedlings have 2 sets of "true" leaves, 24 inches apart.

Days to Emerge: 5 - 10 days

Seed Depth: 1/4"

Seed Spacing: 2'

Row Spacing: 2' - 3'

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Start picking from bottom up, when they are firm and 1" across, cutting off the leaf below the sprout. To harvest all the sprouts at once cut off the top of the stalk 4-6 weeks before you want to harvest or when lower sprouts reach 1/2" in size. The best and sweetest Brussels sprouts are harvested after going through a few frosts.

Fruit: 1-2" sprouts.