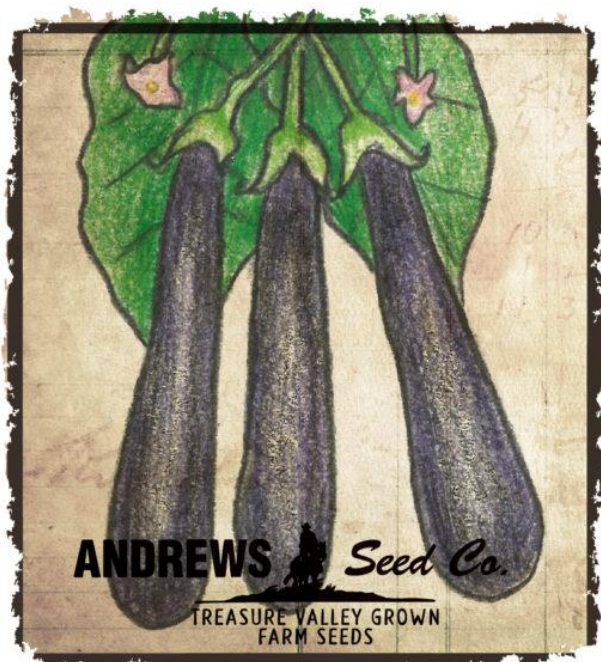


LONG PURPLE

Eggplant

This variety of eggplant produced beautiful purple fruits that are best plucked for eating when they reach 8"-10" in length. 70-80 days to maturity.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Solanum melongena* "Long Purple"

Plant Dimensions: 24"-36" tall, 24" wide

Days to Maturity: 70-80

Zone: 5-12

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: 2 to 4 weeks after your average last frost date, when soil temperature is at least 70°F, ideally 80°-90°F, and when outside night air temperature is above 60°F.

Start Inside: RECOMMENDED. 10 to 12 weeks before your average last frost date. Transplant outdoors 1 to 2 weeks after last frost, when soil temperature is at least 60°F, and outside night air temperature is above 60°F.

Days to Emerge: 10-20 days

Seed Depth: ¼"

Seed Spacing: 18"

Row Spacing: 36"

Thinning: Start indoors; plant 18" apart outside.

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Long Purple' should be harvested when the fruit is no longer than 10" and the skin is still shiny; can be harvested at baby size. If you are in doubt about maturity level, note that it's better to harvest eggplants a little young rather than wait until they are overly mature with dull skin, eventually possibly turning a golden color, with plentiful seeds, and bitter taste. To harvest, cut the stem with pruners. Plants will produce four or more fruits. Continual harvest will encourage more production.

Fruit: 8"-10" long, 2" wide