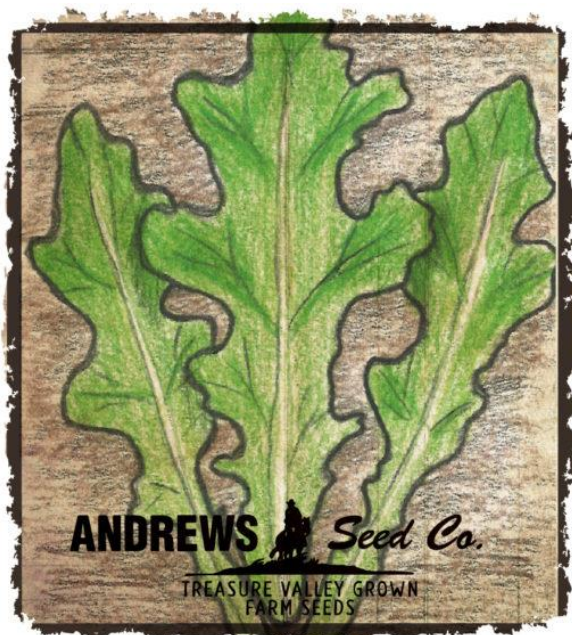


OAKLEAF

Lettuce

True to its name, the individual leaves of oakleaf lettuce are deeply lobed and shaped like the leaves of oak trees. While generally grown as a leaf lettuce and picked at baby-leaf stage, oakleaf lettuces can also be grown for full-size heads. Both green and red oak lettuce varieties are offered.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Lactuca sativa* "Oakleaf"

Days to Maturity: 40–50

Zone: 2-10

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: Direct seed or transplant in early spring, as soon as you can work the soil. To get an early start, prepare beds the previous fall by working in manure or compost and raking smooth to leave a fine seedbed.

Seeds need light to germinate; sow at a very shallow depth by covering with a thin layer of growing medium

Start Inside: Sow 2-3 seeds per cell, 1/4" deep, 3-4 weeks before transplanting outdoors. Do not let soil above 70F while germinating so keep out of sun and a cool, dark location. Harden seedlings by reducing water and temperature for 2–3 days before planting outdoors. Properly hardened transplants can survive temperatures as low as 20°F.

Days to Emerge: 7-14 Days.

Seed Depth: 1/8"

Seed Spacing: 8-10"

Row Spacing: 12-18"

Thinning: Not necessary.

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Around 6 weeks after sowing. This group of lettuce varieties has thinner, softer leaves that are more palatable than the thicker leaves of common lettuce.