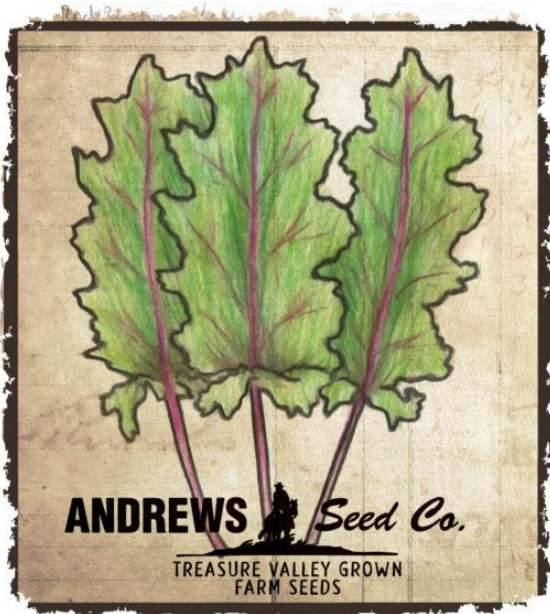


RED RUSSIAN

Kale

The Red Russian Kale is a very tender, colorful specialty kale for salad mix and bunching. This variety is a special, refined strain. Its stems are purple and leaves are deep gray-green with purple veins. This flat, noncurled, and tooth-edged kale has a wonderful taste. Red Russian matures medium-tall and leaves are tender compared to other kales.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Brassica napus va pabularia*

Plant Dimensions: 18-36" tall

Days to Maturity: 14

Zone: 3-9

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: For direct seeding, plant from early spring to approximately 10 weeks before expected fall frost. For bunching, sow 2-3 seeds every 12-18", ½" deep, in rows 18-36" apart. Thin to 1 plant per group. For baby leaf production, sow 30 seeds/ft. at ½" deep.

Start Inside: If transplanting, sow indoors 4-6 weeks before last frost. Plant 2-3 seeds per cell and thin to 1 plant when true leaves appear. Keep soil moist for best results. Germinate at 65F. Transplant when plants are 6" tall at every 12-18" for bunching.

Days to Emerge: 3 - 8 days

Seed Depth: ¼"

Seed Spacing: 8-12"

Row Spacing: 18-24"

Thinning: Thin to 1 plant per group.

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: When leaves are correct size harvest by clipping individual leaves. Kale is very hardy, and the eating quality will improve into the late fall with light frost. Protecting with row covers can extend the harvest period late into fall.