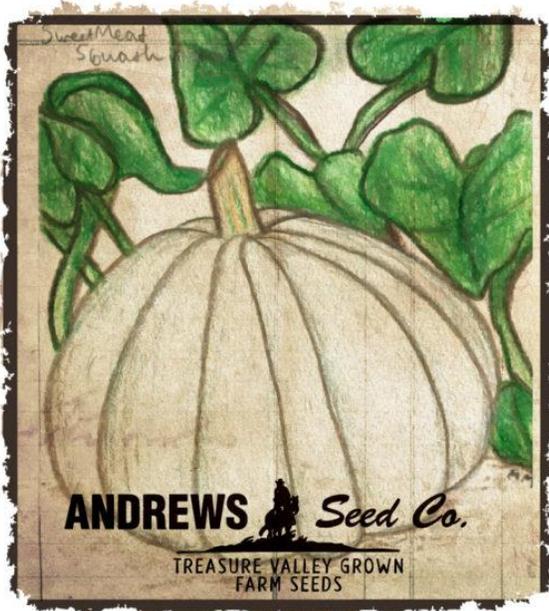


SWEET MEAT

Summer Squash

10–15-pound slate gray, slightly flattened, round fruits with dense, orange, sweet, fine-grained flesh. 'Sweet Meat' was introduced by Gill Brothers Seed Company of Portland, Oregon, in 1947.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Cucurbita maxima* "Sweet Meat"

Plant Dimensions: 10' vines

Days to Maturity: 95–110

Zone: 3-12

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: RECOMMENDED. 1 to 2 weeks after your average last frost date, and when soil temperature is 70°–85°.

Start Inside: Not recommended except in very short growing seasons, 2 to 4 weeks before transplanting. Roots are sensitive to disturbance; sow in biodegradable pots that can be planted directly into the ground. Transplant when soil temperature is at least 60°F.

Days to Emerge: 5–10 days

Seed Depth: ½"–1"

Seed Spacing: 2–3 seeds per mound

Row Spacing: 6'

Thinning: When 3" leaves, thin to 1–2 per mound

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Harvest when the squash's rind is hard enough that you can't dent it with your fingernail and before first frost. Cut stem, (don't break it off) leaving 2" of stem attached, which keeps the squash whole, leaving no opening for infection. Though fruits are hard and may seem indestructible, treat them gently; bruising can spoil squash.

Fruit: 10–15-pound slate gray, slightly flattened, round fruits with dense, orange, sweet, fine-grained flesh.