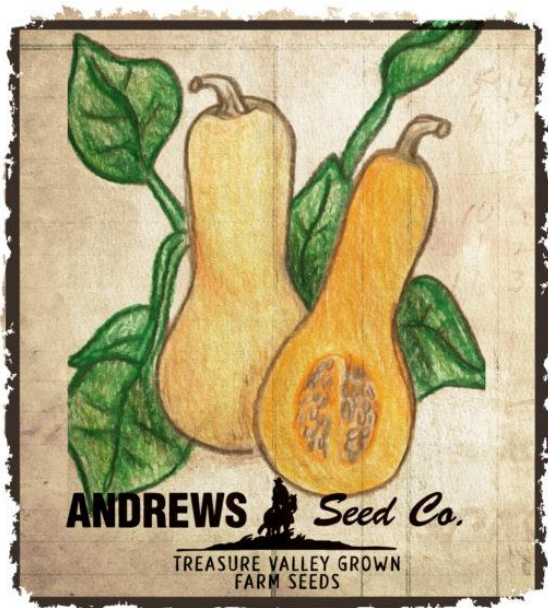


# WALTHAM BUTTERNUT

## Winter Squash

Selections winner is the standard on which large butternut squash are measured. An open-pollinated variety, Waltham Butternut's vigorous vines produce huge yields of 3-6 lb. fruits with smooth, tan skins and with an orange flesh that has a sweet, nutty flavor.



## NOTES

### VARIETY INFO

**Botanical Name:** *Cucurbita moschata*

**Plant Dimensions:** 8' vines

**Days to Maturity:** 100

**Zone:** 9-10

### SOWING INFO

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

**Start Inside:** Not recommended except in very short growing seasons, 2 to 4 weeks before your average last frost date. Roots sensitive to disturbance; sow in 4" 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'–8'

**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:** 3-6 lb.