

THAI EGGPLANT

SOLANUM MELONGENA

These golf ball-sized, green eggplants grow on compact, productive plants throughout Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, and Cambodia. The fruit is generally quartered or halved, stewed in curries, slivered, and eaten raw in salads.



SEEDING

- Seeds can be found at True Leaf Market. Scan the QR code to view and purchase.
- Greenhouse Start Date: February 27
- 20 Blocker Soil Blocks (handheld, ¾")
- Up pot to (1⅞ "x 1¾")12 soil blocker by March 5
- Water twice per day



PLANTING

- Space 16 inches apart in a single row, two rows per bed
- Use 12-inch-spaced drip irrigation, 2-3 times per week
- Plant into Bio360 mulch or straw mulch, up to first leaf set
- Plants should be covered for the first month to avoid flea beetle pressure in the midwest

Plant in Field:
May 20th



HARVESTING

- Harvest in 78 days, once the fruit is mostly pale green with a white bottom, 2-3 inches in diameter, and firm when gently squeezed
- Harvest with snips at the end of the fruit stem, cutting where the stem meets the plant. Stem can be trimmed afterwards for better storage

WASHING + PACKING

Place fruits in a single layer on wash table to reduce bruising, spray thoroughly, and turn fruits periodically to ensure proper cleanliness. Leave the fruit to air-dry. If fruits aren't dirty, washing is optional. Store fruit in a covered container, packaged or bulk. Once washed and packed Thai eggplants should be stored in a cooler at 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

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