



Broadbeans



Common Name: Broad Beans

Scientific Name: Vicia Faba

Family: Fabaceae

Requirements

Season: Autumn

Sun: Full

Water: Water well, especially during flowering stage

Wind: Do shelter from wind

Climate: Mild temperatures

Soil Notes: Rich, moisture-retentive. If it is too well drained, add mulsh.

Planting: 5cm deep, 23cm apart- good airflow is necessary. Double rows but stagger planting is best. When young beans appear at the base- pinch out growing tips- remove tip with two leaves attached- use for compost/ leaf vegetable. Stake them

Harvest: Pick from bottom up when ripe- harvest frequently. Eat when finger thick/ wait until pod bursts with ripe beans. When finished, cut stems and dig roots back into soil to make use of captured nitrogen.

Interesting Notes

Pests: blackfly/ aphid, fungal disease, wet weather- rot, frost, mice, weevils, broad bean seed beetle, manure contaminated

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