



# Cauliflower



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**Common Name:** Cauliflower

**Scientific Name:** Brassica oleracea

**Family:** Brassica

## **Requirements**

**Season:** Cool season crop spring bloom.

**Sun:** Full with a minimum of six hours

**Water:** Water regularly

**Climate:** Not tolerate heat or cold- cover with milk tubs in spring.

**Soil Notes:** Loamy, slightly acidic to neutral 6.5- 6.8. Rich organic matter. Consistent soil moisture.

**Propagation:** Better from transplants than seeds. 2-4 weeks before last frost date.

**Sprout Time:** Seven to fourteen days

**Fruitation Time:** Forty to sixty days

**Harvest Time:** 7-12 days after blanching. Blanch by taking the white head (2-3 inches in diameter) tie the other leaves together over the head- protects from sun. When heads are compact, white and firm. Cut the heads with large knife- leave the leaves around the head to protect it. If the heads are too small but have started to open must be harvested. If it has a coarse appearance throw it away (too mature). Refrigerate, freeze or pickle.

## **DEFICIENCY NOTES:**

**Insects:** Cabbage worm, aphids and root rot.