



# Celery



**Common Name:** Celery  
**Scientific Name:** Apium graveolens var. dulce  
**Family:** Apiaceae

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## **REQUIREMENTS:**

**Season:** Winter Crop

**Sun:** Protection from hot sun. Bright spot out of direct sun.

**Water:** Lots of water. Good drainage.

**Wind:** Lots of air circulation.

**Climate:** Protection from hot temperatures

**Soil Notes:** Rich soil. Mulch and water weekly. Fertiliser every 2 weeks with worm tea.

**Propagation:** From seed or grafting

**Sprout Time:** 3 weeks

**Fruitation Time:** 8 months

**Harvest Time:** Cut plant just below soil line or single stalks as needed. Preserve fall crop by taking whole plant and placing in deep box with moist sand or soil.

**DEFICIENCY NOTES:**

**Leaf Quality:**

- Blanching- Pull soil up as plant grows keeping leaves exposed. 2 weeks before harvest tie tops together and mound soil up until leaves. Cover stalks with cans. Water this system avoiding roots and leaves.
- Distorted and cracked leaves and stems caused by boron deficiency- use liquid seaweed every 2 weeks.

**Insects:** Parsley worms, carrot rust flies, nematodes, celery leaf tiers (hand pick).

**Disease:** Early and late blight, pink rot- use crop rotation.