

Zucchini: Costata Romanesco

Cucurbita pepio

Quick Facts

- Traditional Italian heirloom with great flavor.
- Edible flowers: stuff, fry or slice for garnish.
- Although produces half the yield of hybrids, has a *much* better flavor .
- Delicious raw or cooked.

Tips

Plant in mid-June to avoid cucumber beetles and squash bugs. First fruits may be malformed, wither, or blacken, which is usually remedied as more male flowers appear. Harvest regularly, 2-3 times a week. Cut or gently twist off fruits when they have reached the desired size of 6-8".

Instructions

Prefers fertile, well-drained soil with a pH of 5.8 - 6.8. Can be started indoors or be direct seeded.

- Indoors: start 2-3 weeks before transplanting
- Outdoors: sow when soil temp is at least 70°
- Seed planting depth: $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1"
- Seed spacing: 4"; thin to 12-24"
- Germination: 10 - 14days
- Plant will fill a 4' x 4' space

