

How to Grow Bunching Onions



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PLANTING INFO:

Planting depth: 1/4-1/2", Seeding rate:
~50 seeds/ft, in 2-3" wide bands; Row
Spacing: 12-18"

CULTURAL INFO:

Bunching onions are hardy perennials that are grown as annuals or overwintered for early spring harvests. True bunching onions or scallions, *Allium fistulosum*, do not form bulbs and remain straight and slender, many common onion varieties may be grown as bunching onions, but will eventually bulb up. Direct sow seeds as soon as soil can be worked.

Seeds are slow to germinate and grow, it is important to keep them well weeded so that the weeds do not take over. Hill stalks to promote elongation and blanching. Harvest when desired. Store washed shafts at near freezing temperatures.

SEED SPECS:

180-215M seeds/lb (200M avg.). M=1,000

SEED SAVING INSTRUCTIONS:

Insect pollinated. Bunching onions are biennials or perennials and generally will not make seed their first year. Over-winter outside in most climates. Some staking may be necessary to hold up the top heavy seed stalks. Harvest seed heads when 1/2 of the pods are open and showing black seeds. Allow drying and seeds will be easily shaken out. Use 1/8" screen to help with cleaning. Onion seeds will remain viable for 1-3 years.