How to Read a Seed Packet

Type of Crop

Variety of Crop

Seed Company's name & logo

Total weight of seeds

Maximum Size

Row Spacing Requirements

Days until Harvest

Germination length

Seed Spacing Requirements

Seeding Depth

USDA Certified Organic Label

Visual aid of the produce

Crop's Scientific Name

Seller's Description

Planting instructions

Harvest Instructions

Information on what makes the product organic

Suggested Planting Year

Delicious, crisp fruit throughout the summer. Straight Eight has been one of the most popular slicing cucumbers since it won the All American Selections Gold Medal in 1981.

Planting

Plant cucumbers after soil has warmed to 70°F about a week after last frost date. Plants prefer rich garden soil but will produce well in almost any garden with full sun. For earlier crop, start indoors four to five weeks before planting outdoors. Keep young plants well watered. Cucumbers have shallow roots and need even amounts of water for best results.

Harvest

For high yields, feed monthly with compost or vegetable food. Pick regularly at 6-8" size to fruit will continue to form. Vines may be trellised or tied to a fence to save space and keep fruits off the ground.