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Broccoli Comparison Chart

Every broccoli we carry, grouped by type and sorted by days to maturity

Days	Variety	Color	Harvest	Season	Notes	Disease
Heading Broccoli						
57	**Green Magic** F1	Green	Main head	Summer, fall	Heat tolerant; tight domes	BL, BR, DM
60	**Gypsy** F1	Green	Main head	Warm areas	Strong roots; greenhouse	BL, BR, DM
60	**Jacaranda** F1	Purple	Main head	Spring, fall	Deep purple heads	—
70	**Skytree** F1 AAS	Green	Head + shoots	Spring, fall	4–8 in. heads; frost hardy	—
75	**Godzilla** F1	Green	Main head	Spring, fall	Very heavy, fine beads	—
80	**Waltham 29**	Blue-green	Head + shoots	Fall	Classic; cold tolerant	—
Calabrese (Head & Side Shoots)						
56	**De Cicco** HEIR	Green	Side shoots	Spring, fall	Italian heirloom; compact	—
56	**De Cicco** ORG	Blue-green	Side shoots	Spring, fall	Long, staggered harvest	—
70	**Calabrese** ORG	Green	Head + shoots	Short seasons	Slow bolting	—
70	**Green Sprouting Calabrese**	Green	Head + shoots	Spring, fall	Large heads, then shoots	—

Heading

One big, tight central head. Hybrids are the most uniform and quickest to harvest all at once.

Calabrese

A medium head first, then weeks of side shoots. Great for home gardens.

Broccolini

Long, tender stems with small florets. Cut again and again; cook whole.

Raab

Fast, leafy rapini. Eat the stems, leaves and buds before the flowers open.

Quick picks

Summer heat: Green Magic, Gypsy, Happy Rich Baby · **Longest harvest:** De Cicco, Calabrese, Waltham 29, Skytree
Fastest: Spring Raab, Sorrento, Aspabroc Baby · **Most colorful:** Jacaranda, Early Purple Sprouting, Romanesco

When to plant

Spring crop
Transplant 2–4 weeks before the last frost so heads form before summer heat.

Fall crop
Sow in midsummer for a fall harvest. Cool nights give the sweetest heads.

Mild winters
In zones 8–10, plant in fall and harvest through winter and early spring.

Disease codes and F1, ORG, HEIR and AAS tags are explained on page 2.

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Broccolini & Specialty						
50	**Aspabroc Baby** F1	Green	Tender stems	Spring, fall	Broccolini; asparagus-like	—
55	**Happy Rich Baby** F1	Green	Tender stems	Summer	Sweet; pinch for shoots	—
70	**Romanesco**	Lime green	Spiral head	Fall	Fractal spirals; nutty	—
220	**Early Purple Sprouting** HEIR	Purple	Side shoots	Overwinter	Sow summer; spring pick	—
Broccoli Raab (Rapini)						
42	**Spring Raab** ORG	Green	Stems & leaves	Spring, fall	Fast; every part edible	—
45	**Sorrento**	Green	Stems & leaves	Fall, late winter	Uniform florets; bolts fast	—
50	**Spring Raab**	Green	Stems & leaves	Spring, fall	Nutty, pleasantly bitter	—

Days are from transplant for heading, Calabrese and broccolini types, and from direct seeding for raab. Early Purple Sprouting is sown in summer and picked the next spring.

Disease Resistance Codes

BL Blackleg
BR Black rot
DM Downy mildew

Starting from seed

Start seed indoors 5–6 weeks before transplanting. Set plants out 18–24 in. apart about 2 weeks before the last frost, or in late summer for fall.

Feeding & care

Broccoli is a heavy feeder. Keep soil evenly moist, side-dress with nitrogen 3 weeks after transplant, and cover with row cover to stop cabbage worms.

Harvest

Cut heads while the beads are tight and before any yellow shows. Leave the plant in place: most varieties then send up side shoots.



Romanesco



Jacaranda

Variety Notes

F1 Hybrid seed
AAS All-America Selections winner
ORG Certified organic seed
HEIR Heirloom, open-pollinated

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