URBAN FARMER
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Eggplant Comparison Chart

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

Days	Variety	Color	Shape	Best for	Notes	Fruit
Globe Eggplant						
74	**Goya** F1	Deep purple	Round globe	Dips, sauces	Extra firm; stores well	1–2 lb
75	**Black Beauty** HEIR	Deep purple	Large oval	Slicing, baking	Classic since 1902	1–2 lb
75	**Black Beauty** HEIR ORG	Deep purple	Large oval	Slicing, baking	Classic since 1902	1–2 lb
78	**Florida Market High Bush** HEIR	Purple	Large oval	Slicing, baking	Heat & drought hardy	1–2 lb
Italian Eggplant						
60	**Galaxy of Stars**	Purple, white	Small oval	Stuffing, roasting	Striped; containers	3–4 in.
70	**Prosperosa** F1	Violet	Round, ribbed	Stuffing, roasting	Meaty, mild flesh	4–5 in.
75	**Long Purple** HEIR	Deep purple	Long, slim	Grilling, roasting	Few seeds; mild	8–10 in.
75	**Picasso** F1	Deep purple	Half-long	Slicing, baking	Holds color all season	8–16 oz
80	**Rosa Bianca** HEIR ORG	Lavender, white	Round	Stuffing, roasting	Creamy; never bitter	4–5 in.
Asian Eggplant						
58	**Orient Express** F1	Glossy purple	Long, slender	Stir-fry, grilling	Heat & cold tolerant	8–10 in.
60	**Little Finger**	Dark purple	Finger, clusters	Stir-fry, grilling	Thin skin; few seeds	6–8 in.
71	**Casper**	White	Long, smooth	Grilling, roasting	Mushroom-like flavor	5–7 in.
74	**Bride** F1	White, lavender	Long, slender	Stir-fry, grilling	Tender; bitter-free	8 in.
100	**Louisiana Long Green** HEIR	Pale green	Banana	Grilling, roasting	Nutty, mild flavor	8–9 in.

Globe

Large, dark oval fruits. The classic choice for slicing, baking and grilling.

Italian

Round, oval or long fruits with creamy flesh, few seeds and great color.

Asian

Long, slender fruits with thin, tender skin. Quick to cook; no peeling.

Mini & Specialty

Compact plants for pots, plus Turkish and ornamental types for color.

Quick picks

Earliest: Patio Baby, Orient Express, Galaxy of Stars, Little Finger · **Best for containers:** Patio Baby, Pinstripe, Galaxy of Stars
Most colorful: Rosa Bianca, Galaxy of Stars, Casper, Turkish Orange · **Heat tolerant:** Florida Market High Bush, Orient Express

When to plant

Start indoors
Sow seed 8–10 weeks before the last frost. Keep soil at 80–90°F; seeds sprout in 7–14 days.

Transplant
Set out 2 weeks after the last frost, once nights stay above 55°F. Black plastic warms the soil.

Harvest
Pick when skin is glossy and springs back when pressed. Dull skin means seeds are getting hard.

Eggplant types and F1, ORG, HEIR and AAS tags are explained on page 2.

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Mini & Container Eggplant						
50	**Patio Baby** F1 AAS	Dark purple	Mini egg	Containers, grilling	Spineless; 24 in. plant	2–3 in.
60	**Piccolo**	Purple, white	Plump oval	Stuffing, pickling	Striped; productive	3–4 in.
60	**Pinstripe** F1	Purple, white	Mini oval	Containers, grilling	Spineless; prolific	3–4 in.
Turkish & Ornamental Eggplant						
75	**Pumpkin on a Stick** HEIR	Orange-red	Ribbed, mini	Fall décor	Dried stems for décor	1–2 oz
80	**Turkish Orange** HEIR	Orange-red	Round	Stews, stir-fry	Pick green to orange	2–3 in.

Days are from transplanting to first harvest; add 8–10 weeks if you start from seed. Fruit sizes are at typical harvest size.

Eggplant Types

Globe Large oval fruits for slicing, baking and eggplant parmesan.

Italian Round to teardrop fruits with creamy flesh and few seeds.

Asian Long, slim fruits with thin skin; no peeling needed.

Starting from seed

Sow ¼ in. deep in warm soil, 80–90°F. Grow under bright light and harden off before transplanting 18–24 in. apart.

Feeding & care

Eggplant loves heat, full sun and steady water. Feed when flowers form, and stake heavy plants so they don't tip over.

Harvest & storage

Cut fruits with pruners, leaving a bit of stem. Store at 50–55°F and use within a week; cold fridges cause brown spots.

Troubleshooting

Flowers drop off
Nights below 55°F or above 95°F stop fruit set. Be patient; plants set fruit when weather evens out.

Tiny holes in leaves
Flea beetles chew young plants. Cover with row cover until bloom, then remove for pollinators.

Bitter or seedy fruit
Fruit was left too long or plants were stressed. Pick young and water deeply each week.



Rosa Bianca



Orient Express

Variety Notes

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

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