

# CUCUMBERS

- This year we are growing several types of cucumbers, but please note that if you do grow several varieties, don't grow them close together or in the same greenhouse they may cross-pollinate each other and produce bitter and inedible cucumbers.
- They can be allowed to sprawl across the ground, or can be trained up sturdy netting. I train mine up netting and across wires along the centre of the polytunnel as it makes for easy harvesting, gives a larger crop, and avoids the dreaded slugs.



Marketmore & Perfection

- Marketmore, Perfefction, Beth Alpha and Crystal Lemon can be grown indoors or out, however they will all crop much better if grown in a greenhouse or polytunnel. They have good disease resistance and don't need any flowers pinching out. Marketmore & Perfection are best harvested at around 8 inches / 20 cm size, Beth Alpha at around 4 inches / 10 cm long, and Crystal Lemon when about tennis ball size.



Beth Alpha

- Telegraph is an indoor-only variety that produces long cucumbers most similar to the supermarket type. It is best grown supported as this allows the cucumbers to grow long and straight, and male flowers will need pinching out (skinny flower stalk, no swollen embryonic cucumber behind the flower) to prevent bitter cucumbers.



Crystal Lemon Apple



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