

# LEEKS



- Leeks can be harvested for a long period of time, as baby leeks from August, up until April as full size leeks. There are numerous different varieties, each with their own characteristics.
- They are best planted out when they have reached the thickness of a drinking straw, and planted into a 6-8" deep hole made with a dibber, and then 'puddled in' without refilling the hole with soil.
- Our early maturing variety is Carentan, which can be harvested from August as baby leeks or allowed to mature into longer and larger leeks in the autumn.
- Bulgarian Giant is the next leek ready for harvest and has can produce some whoppers, but although they will crop until march, they may not fare so well if the weather turns really nasty.
- The hardiest of all our leeks is Bleu de Solaise, as these leeks will withstand the atrocious winter conditions and remain in good shape right round until March or April. Bleu de Solaise is a French heirloom variety that produces shorter heavy stems and the leaves take on a blue tinge as the winter gets colder.