

CUCUMBERS

We grow 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. The plants 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, Perfection, Beth Alpha, Crystal Lemon and Armenian can be grown indoors or out, however they will all crop much better if grown in a greenhouse or poly-tunnel. They have good disease resistance and don't need any flowers pinching out. Marketmore and Perfection are best harvested at around 8" / 20 cm size, Beth Alpha at around 4" / 10 cm long, and Crystal Lemon when about tennis ball size. Armenian Yard Long cucumbers do live up to their name but are best picked at 12-18" / 30-45cm long.



Beth Alpha

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



Crystal Lemon Apple



Telegraph & Burpless



Armenian Yard Long