

Bean (Pole)

Autumn Zebra organic bean seeds produce big pods that average 15cm (6") long with colourful beans that can be eaten fresh when young or as a dried bean when mature. Plants are productive and vigorous growers. Plants will require a support structure (e.g., trellis).

Matures in 60-90 days

Season: Warm season

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

Sow seeds 2-5cm (1-2") deep, 5-8cm (2-3") apart, in rows 45-60cm (18-24") apart at the base of a support (e.g., trellis). Thin to at least 15cm (6") apart in each row. If the weather is too wet, beans can also be started in pots indoors and set out carefully a few weeks later.

Well-drained, warm soil in full sun is best. Use 1 cup of balanced organic fertilizer for every 3m (10') of row. Thin plants to increase air circulation and avoid touching the leaves while they are wet.

Saving

Allow your beans to fully mature on the plant. They will eventually become dry and hard. You will know when they are done when you shake them and hear them rattling around inside their pods. Remove the bean pod from the plant, open them up, and remove the seeds. Store them on a tray for another day or so to ensure beans are totally dry. Put the seeds into a dated and labelled envelope and return to Brock!