

Bean (Pole)

Matilda pole bean seeds produce big, nicely shaped, round beans with straight pods that average 15cm (6") long. The flavour is both sweet and mild. Plants are vigorous, productive, and early, but will produce all season long if you keep them well picked.

Matures in 70 days

Season: Warm season

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

Seeds can be started indoors or sowed directly. Sow seeds 7-10cm (3-4") apart and 3.5cm (1½") deep at the base of a support (e.g., trellis). Seeds will sprout in 8-16 days, depending on soil conditions.

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 (about 4-5 weeks past eating time). 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 labeled envelope and return to Brock!