Cilantro (Organic)

Cilantro "Santo" is bred to be slow bolting. The mature seeds, better known as coriander, are easy to harvest and used in many dishes - notably curry powder blends. Keep an eye on your cilantro crop because the flowering process (bolting) is famously quick in this plant. As soon as a central stem appears and the uppermost leaves become frilly, it's time to harvest the whole plant, roots and all.

Matures in 45-70 days

Season: Cool season

Exposure: Full sun to partial shade

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

Direct sow from just after the last frost date to late spring. Direct sow in the fall undercover for a winter crop. Sow 2cm (1") deep in short rows. Thin seedlings to stand 5-10cm (2-4") apart if harvesting leaves. Cilantro does best in light, well-drained soil in partial shade, in relatively dry conditions. Pick young leaves once they have reached about 10cm (4") in height.

Saving

Allow the herbs to flower and the flower heads to dry. Snip the flower heads off and dry them out in a warm, dry place. To collect the seeds, shake the dry flower head into a paper bag or bucket. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!