

# Eggplant (Organic)

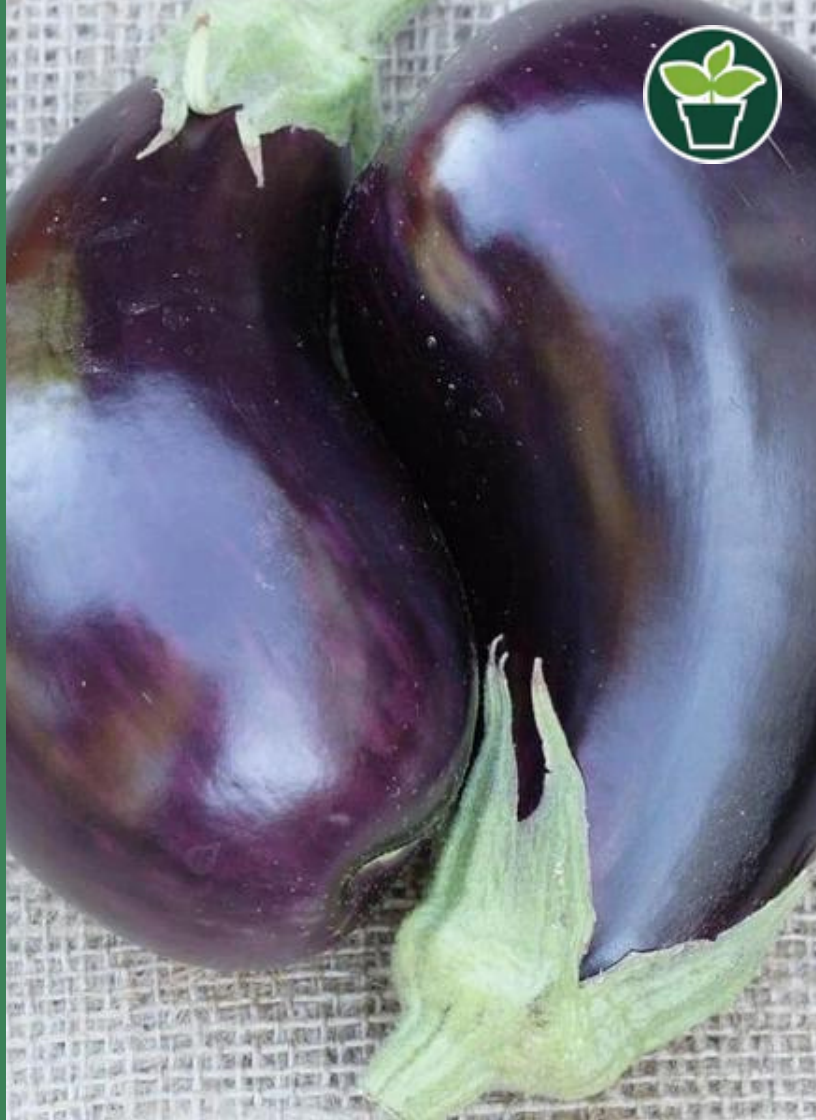
Traviata organic eggplant seeds produce relatively large, spineless plants. The fruits are large, very dark purple, and have shiny skins and an overall appealing look. The classic bell shaped fruits are quite abundant on each plant, and the plants keep producing over a long season.

**Matures in 58 days**

**Season: Warm season**

**Exposure: Full sun**

**Difficulty: Easy, but takes up space**



## Growing

Sow indoors in the four weeks following the last frost date. Use bottom heat, and keep seedlings warm. Sow seeds 5mm-1cm (1/4-1/2") deep. Use individual peat or coir pots to reduce root disturbance when transplanting. Transplant after nighttime temperatures are steadily 10°C (50°F) or warmer. Space with 45-60cm (18-24") between plants. Medium size (3-5 gallon) containers for individual plants also work well.

## Saving

Wait until the eggplant is overripe and inedible before you start collecting eggplant seeds. The eggplant should look dull-coloured and shriveled. Slice open the eggplant and separate the flesh from the seeds. Put the seeds in a bowl of water and wash the pulp away. Strain the seeds, pat them dry, and spread them out on a tray to dry not more than two seeds thick. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!