

Onion (White)

Patterson onion seeds produce very round, uniform bulbs with strong skins and a capacity for storage that can stretch to several months. It is the perfect onion for fall and winter use, but they may last until the following spring in the right conditions. The bulbs are medium to large in size with thin necks that dry well and quickly. The firm flesh has well-defined layers and a strong flavour.

Matures in 104 days

Season: Cool season

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

Transplants are preferred for home gardeners. Sow 3 seeds 5mm-1cm ($\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ") deep in each cell of a cell tray. Transplant as a clump, spacing each 15cm (6") apart in rows 45-75cm (18-30") apart. Scallions can be spaced at 2-5cm (1-2") apart in rows 15cm (6") apart.

Add well-rotted compost and dig $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 cup-balanced organic fertilizer into the soil beneath each 3m (10') row. Keep moisture high in the top 20-30cm (8-12") of soil. Most of the bulbs should form on the surface of the soil, so don't transplant too deeply.

Saving

Onions are biennial and seed once every two years. Seed heads will form during the late summer of the second season. Wait for the seed heads to dry. Most of the flowers will also be dry. Gather the heads in a paper bag. Most of the seeds will fall out on their own. Shake the bag to free the remainder of the seeds. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!