

# Pepper (Sweet)

California Wonder is the variety to grow if you love big, blocky sweet peppers that mature from green to bright fire engine red. The four-lobed fruits are heavy with perfectly smooth skins and grow to nearly 13cm (5") long and 10cm (4") wide on plants that can grow to 65cm (28") tall.

**Matures in 65-75 days**

**Season: Warm season**

**Exposure: Full sun**

**Difficulty: Moderate**



## Growing

Sow indoors 5mm-1cm ( $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ " ) deep. Keep soil as warm as possible. Before they become root-bound, transplant them into 8cm (3") pots. After 4 weeks, transplant them into 15cm (6") pots.

Mix  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of balanced organic fertilizer beneath each plant in the soil. Though peppers will tolerate dry soil, they will only put on good growth if kept moist. Harden off before planting out 30-60cm (12-24") apart.

## Saving

Allow peppers to fully develop on the plant. They should be dark in colour and slightly wrinkled. Pick the pepper, cut it in half, and rub/shake the seeds out in a bowl. Spread the seeds out as individually as possible onto a plate or tray lined with a paper towel. Allow to dry for 1-2 weeks or until the seeds are completely dry. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!