

Squash (Acorn)

Table Queen is an heirloom acorn squash variety that has been grown since the early 20th century. This vining plant is very productive, and produces great winter storage squash. Fruit has golden-yellow flesh that is fine-textured with a sweet nutty flavour.

Matures in 85 days

Season: Warm season

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Easy, but takes up space



Growing

Direct sow or transplant in late spring once the soil is warm. For transplants, start seeds indoors during the first two weeks of May. Sow seeds 2cm (1") deep. Sow 3 seeds in each spot where you want a plant to grow, and thin to the strongest plant. Space squash 45-60cm (18-24") apart in rows that are 90-120cm (36-48") apart.

Saving

Slice open the fully matured fruit. Remove the pulp and seeds with a spoon and place them in a strainer. Rinse them thoroughly and remove any remaining pulp under running water. Spread the seeds on a tray and allow them to dry completely. Put the seeds into a dated and labelled envelope and return to Brock!