

Squash (Butternut)

The fruits of organic Tiana butternut squash are uniform in size and shape, with the classic tan skin and intense dark orange interior colour. Tiana is very early to mature and productive. Butternut squashes have such a rich flavour and they will keep for months in storage.

Matures in 95 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 90-120cm (36-48") apart. Use 1 cup of complete organic fertilizer worked into the soil beneath each plant. All squash grow male flowers first, later female flowers. The female flowers require pollination by bees. Incomplete pollination results in misshapen fruits. Discard these damaged fruits before they rot.

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!