

ABOUT BEANS

All bean seed requires a soil temperature of 13 deg for germination. Check the weather page in your daily it will have the average soil temperature listed. Generally this temperature is reached mid to late spring whenever that is in your neck of the woods.

Bean seed can be planted straight into the garden. Plant as deep as the seed is long.

Climbing beans should be planted 10-15cm apart in rows 60cm apart and will need to be supported by stakes or some structure that they can climb.

GROWING TIPS

- i. Don't overdo the nitrogen if applying fertiliser you'll get lots of leaves but no beans. Apply fertiliser a couple of weeks before sowing seed
- ii. Beans are sun worshippers but they still need water-soak beans a couple of times a week when the flowers are turning into pods.
- iii. Make sure the soil is free draining or the seedling will rot.
- iv. Slugs and snails love bean seedlings – use a plastic container to protect them when young.

Average time to maturity:

ONES TO TRY

There are hundreds of varieties of beans. Why not try a few different varieties every year.

FARDENLOSA - creamy coloured, plum shaped and very sweet

EXHIBITION BROAD BEANS - a large, dark skinned variety

EVERGREEN BROAD BEANS - popular for its abundance of sweet fruit

