

## ABOUT BEANS

Peas are cool season plants meaning that their main growing time is during late winter and early spring when the temperature is between 10 and 16 degrees.

However in warm areas peas can be grown all year round. Peas are best grown in a free draining warm soil. Some peas will need to be staked but there are some varieties that are self supporting like William Massey and Novella. For those that require staking put the stakes at the ends of the rows and run string between them.

Pea seed is planted directly in the soil about 5-10 cm apart.

## GROWING TIPS

- i. After planting the pea seed, water but do not water again until the shoots have emerged.
- ii. Protect from snails and slugs as per beans with a plastic container.
- iii. Peas don't like fresh compost, manure or fertiliser
- iv. Water often once plants begin to flower but sparingly before.
- v. Watch out for aphids - little green insects.

## ONES TO TRY

There are hundreds of varieties of peas. 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

