
ABOUT BEETROOT

Beetroot likes rich soil but can be a tad sensitive so prepare your soil well before you intend to sow your seed. Beetroot doesn't like lime so don't add lime after planting in fact if you haven't added lime at least a month before planting don't bother you will do more harm than good. Sow the seed directly where you want the plant to grow. Beetroot like most other veges likes lots of sun and also lots of water when they are growing.

Although there are now some varieties of beetroot that cope with the cold it is advisable to leave planting beetroot seed until spring and summer. Fungal disease and some pests can be a problem – and you can find suitable sprays (some organic) but the best treatment is prevention- good soil and not too much water once the plants are established. Beetroot will be ready 9-10 weeks after sowing.

GROWING TIPS

- i. Beetroot likes rich but not acidic soil.
- ii. Lots of sun and water while the beetroot is forming
- iii. Ease off on the water once the seedlings are growing strongly ie keep moist as opposed to wet.

ONES TO TRY

There are many varieties of Beetroots. Why not try a few different varieties every year.

CYLINDRA - creamy coloured, plum shaped and very sweet

DERWENT GLOBE - a large, dark skinned variety

BABY BEETS - a large, dark skinned variety

