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Sweet Pepper

Capsicum annuum



Sweet Pepper fruit
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Chili Pepper

Description:

This variety is the most common and cultivated of the species; they range in types from sweet bell peppers with a mild, sweet flavor, to chili peppers that can be very hot; a wide variety of sizes and shapes

Edible Qualities

Sweet Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces green peppers (which are technically 'berries') which are usually ready for picking from mid summer to early fall. The peppers have a spicy taste.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Drying
- Seasoning
- Sauces

Planting & Growing

Sweet Pepper will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

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Sweet Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.