

Black Beauty Eggplant



Solanum melongena

- **Use:** HEIRLOOM. From 1902, it remains a standard worldwide for large-fruited black eggplant. Nearing 100 years old, this 1902 introduction remains a standard worldwide for large-fruited black eggplant. It was an immediate hit because the plants ripened perfect fruits dramatically earlier than other varieties. It became the common market eggplant of today. Harvested fresh, however, makes all the difference.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun and try to keep water off the leaves. Water the garden to provide a uniform moisture supply to the crop. Keep the leaves and fruit dry when watering and avoid overhead sprinkler irrigation. Water sufficiently to moisten the soil to a depth of 6 inches. The critical period for moisture is during fruit set and fruit development.
- **Growth:** Space transplants 18" - 24" apart in well drained soil. Rows should be spaced 24" to 36" apart. Keep the soil moist but never soggy. Mulching Eggplant is very beneficial as it helps to retain moisture and keep the soil at an even temperature.
- **Hardiness/Harvest Time:** Annual / Yields in 74 days
- **Fruit** It produces large, glossy oblong Eggplants with deep purple skin. The large spreading plants are capable of producing 6 to 12 fruits on each plant.