

Fairy Tale Eggplant



Fairy Tale eggplants are recommended for marinating and grilling whole. The harvest can begin in just 49 to 51 days from transplanting. The petite plant reaches only 2½ feet tall and wide, perfect for container gardening. An eggplant has not won an AAS award since 1939, so Fairy Tale is truly an exceptional new variety.



***Solanum melongena* 'Fairy Tale'**

- **Use:** Attractive, 2–4" long by 3/4–1 1/4" diameter, fruits are borne abundantly on compact 18-24" plants. Wonderful flavor with no bitterness and very few seeds. Some fruits may be harvested in clusters. For maximum fruit set, harvest the clusters of eggplant regularly. There are many creative ways to slice, marinate, grill or sauté the beautifully shaped eggplant.
- **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:** Grows 4' tall and will need cage or staking for best 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 55 days from setting out transplants
- **Fruit** The fruit is sweet, non-bitter, with a tender skin and few seeds. Another superior quality is the window for harvest. The elongated oval eggplants can be picked when quite small at 1 to 2 ounces or they can be left on the plant until double the weight, and the flavor and tenderness remain.