

Bush Bean Seed Harvesting

Growing and Harvesting Bush Beans

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Tips and Tricks

Cross-pollinating, although not often, can occur between bush beans so be sure to isolate different bush bean varieties when growing for seed (at least 20 feet).

Allow at least 1 bush bean plant in the garden, with 10 pods left on the plant to continue to dry for seed production.

Seed pods will not split when drying in the garden.



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Planting Bush Beans

Be sure to follow the planting instructions on either the original seed packets or the seed envelopes checked out from the Cavalier County library.

In-Season Considerations

When seedlings are 1-2 inches tall, thin to stand about 6 inches apart to reduce overcrowding and encourage healthier bush beans. Thinned out plants can be eaten as microgreens which can be eaten alone or used as a topper on salads, sandwiches, etc.

Harvesting Bush Beans

- Leave plants to flower.
- Seed pods will form from the flowers.
- Leave standing in the garden until dry.
- Carefully pull seed pods from plant, remove seeds from pods, and place only the seeds into the envelope.
- A suggested minimum return amount is 2 tablespoons.

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