

# Radish Seed Harvesting

## Growing and Harvesting Radishes

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### Tips and Tricks

Radishes can cross-pollinate, so be sure to isolate your radish crop when growing for seed (at least ½ mile).

Allow at least 5 radish plants to continue to grow in the garden for seed production.

Seed pods will not split when drying in the garden.



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### Planting Radishes

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

After the seedlings have emerged, thin to stand 2 inches apart to reduce overcrowding and encourage larger radishes. Thinned out plants can be eaten as microgreens which can be eaten alone or used as a topper on salads, sandwiches, etc.

### Harvesting Radishes

- Leave plants in the ground.
- Stem will grow and flower.
- Seed pods will form from the flowers.
- Leave standing in the garden until dry.
- Cut stems, remove seeds from pods, and place only the seeds into the envelope.
- A suggested minimum return amount is 1/8 teaspoon.

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