Eggplant

**Black Beauty Eggplant**

- **Code:** Egg1
- **Description:** Standard Italian variety sets 3-4 fruits per plant. Thick skin is deep purple, and glossy when mature. Large bell-shaped fruits range from 1-3 lbs.
- **Planting Tips:** Warm season tender annual. Sow seeds indoors 8-12 weeks before planting date. Optimal soil temp for germination is 75°F. Plant outdoors when daytime temperatures are at least 65°F and nighttime temperatures are above 50°F. Plastic mulch and floating row cover will help to raise temps and ward off insects.

**Eggplant - Solanum melongena**

- **Store seeds in a cool, dry place.**

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**Listada de Gandia**

- **Code:** Egg2
- **Description:** Reportedly introduced into southern France around 1850. Stunning 8" oval fruits are white with purple stripes. Small 14" plants produce heavy yields of high quality thin-skinned fruits with mild white flesh. Thrives in very hot weather. 80-90 days from transplant.
- **Instructions:** Sow seeds indoors ¾" deep. Transplant outdoors once danger of frost has passed and soil is warm. Using landscape fabric or black plastic can accelerate growth and productivity in cooler climates.

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