

## Dark Green

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Compact bush plants, good for small gardens. Sow successions once a month through July where pests are a problem.

**Culture:** Direct sow when soil has reached 70°F and all danger of frost has passed. (Or, carefully transplant 2-3 week old seedlings grown indoors in pots – not flats. Avoid overwatering seeds. Harden off 2-3 days before transplanting out, and handle gently to avoid damaging the tender roots.) Provide rich, well-drained soil with plenty of organic matter and even moisture. Floating row cover accelerates early growth and protects from pests. Remove before blooms form. Succession planting provides better quality fruit over longer period.

**Harvest:** Small fruits have the best flavor. Harvest zucchini every 2–3 days, or they may grow to the size of baseball bats.

**Seed Savers:** To save seeds for home planting, isolate from varieties of the same species by at least ¼ mile.

Soil  
Temp.  
70–95°F

Sowing  
Depth  
½–1"

Final Plant  
Spacing  
18–30"

Final Row  
Spacing  
48–72"

Light  
Full Sun

Days to  
Emerge  
5–10