**Broccoli** *Brassica oleracea*

After harvesting the large central crowns, continue harvesting the abundant, flavorful side shoots for an extended broccoli season.

**Culture:** Sow indoors in well-draining containers 6–8 weeks before average last frost. For fall crops, sow in late summer, 10–12 weeks before the first hard freeze, indoors or outside under row cover. (Sow at ½ in. depth in fall.) Harden off and transplant to the garden when the plants have 3–4 true leaves, approx. 5–6 weeks after sowing. Apply deep mulch. Provide fertile, well-drained soil and even moisture.

**Harvest:** Harvest when the heads are still tight, before the yellow flowers open.

**Seed Savers:** To save seeds for home planting, isolate from other broccoli and from Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, and kohlrabi by at least ½ mile.

**Soil Temp.** 65–85°F

**Sowing Depth** ¼”

**Final Plant Spacing** 12–24”

**Final Row Spacing** 30–36”

**Light** Full Sun

**Days to Emerge** 4–10