



## Louisiana Long Green EGGPLANT *Solanum integrifolium*

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Eggplants produce well in high heat, but may not set fruit below 70°F. Where autumn is warm, sow fall crops in early summer.

**Culture:** Sow indoors in well-draining containers 6–8 weeks before average last frost. Harden off and transplant out 1–2 weeks after last frost. Protect young seedlings from flea beetles by covering with row cover, uncovering when flowers set for pollination. Apply thick mulch. Mature plants will produce in the fall if protected with row cover on frosty nights. Provide fertile, well-drained soil and even moisture. Days to maturity are from transplant date.

**Harvest:** Eggplants are ripe when the skin is glossy and resilient to pressure. Harvest frequently for best production.

**Seed Savers:** To save seeds for home planting, isolate from other eggplants by at least 75 ft.

Soil  
Temp.  
75–90°F

Sowing  
Depth  
¼"

Final Plant  
Spacing  
20–24"

Final Row  
Spacing  
24–36"

Light  
Full Sun

Days to  
Emerge  
6–10

