

## Poinsett 76

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Trellis cucumber vines to make use of vertical space. Long fruits will grow straighter and the improved air circulation helps prevent disease.

**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. May also be grown in hills 6 ft. apart, 2-3 plants per hill.

**Harvest:** Pick cucumbers while they are still crisp and green. Keep well picked to promote production. An excellent slicing cucumber, may also be picked small for pickling.

**Seed Savers:** To save seeds for home planting, isolate from other cucumbers by at least ½ mile.

Soil  
Temp.  
65–95°F

Sowing  
Depth  
½–¾"

Final Plant  
Spacing  
6–12"

Final Row  
Spacing  
36–60"

Light  
Full Sun

Days to  
Emerge  
5–10

