Winter Squash (Vining)
*Cucurbita pepo*

A fast maturing heirloom, well adapted to milder summers and cool nights.

**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.

**Harvest:** Bring in before first frost, when the stems have dried and fingernail pressure cannot dent the rinds. Leave 1 in. of stem. For best flavor, cure at 80–85°F for 1–3 weeks. Store at 45–60°F.

**Seed Savers:** To save seeds for home planting, isolate from varieties of the same species by at least ⅛ mile.