



Growing Bush Beans

If you were to pick only one crop for your garden, we would recommend the venerable bean.

With minimum effort and relatively little space, you can produce tremendous yields from compact bush-type or graceful pole-type varieties. Whether you desire snap beans in green, yellow or purple or varieties suitable for shelling or drying, OSC has a variety suited to your tastes.

Beans will tolerate a wide range of soil types, but make their best growth in light, organic, well drained soil with a pH of about 6.5. Beans have a distinct dislike for cold, wet soils, so plant seed only after the soil has warmed to at least 16 C (60 F). Plant seed 2.5cm (1") deep and 8cm (3") apart in rows spaced 45 to 70cm (18 to 28") apart. To ensure a continuous harvest, plant bush-type varieties every 10 days until mid-July.

One packet sows 6m (18') of row, 250g (1/2lb) will sow 75' of row. Keep beans evenly watered, particularly when the plants are in flower and when production of the pods start. Avoid the use of high nitrogen fertilizer as this will promote excessive foliage and to help avoid rust or blight diseases, avoid disturbing beans when the leaves are damp.



