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GOURMET VEGETABLES

PEPPER PIMENTO

Capsicum annuum 'Pimento'



Few vegetables are as versatile and as pretty in the garden and in cuisine as peppers. No matter what your tastes are you will find one to suit. This variety is a tried and proven form. Both hot and mild peppers are derived from species *Capsicum annuum*, which is native to Mexico and Central America. Seeds have been found in digs from 7,000 BC in Mexico. These would have been wild forms and cultivating dates back 2,000 years later. This type of Sweet Pepper is most popular in temperate countries and is widely grown in greenhouses in the northern parts of the northern hemisphere.



GROWTH
Matures in approx.
60 days.



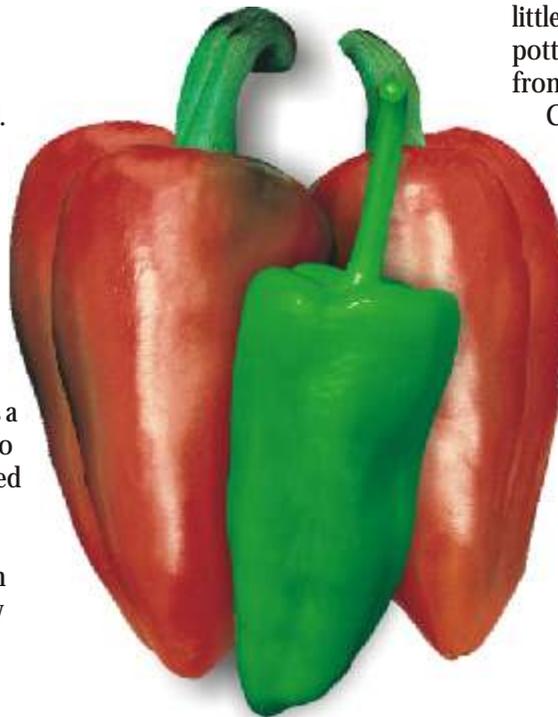
CULTIVATION
Tolerant of cool temperatures, but will perform better in warmer climates. Pepper and Chilli seeds require a high temperature to germinate, preferably over 20 C/70 F. Sow seeds indoors in pots or seed trays approx. 6-8 weeks prior to transplanting outdoors or direct into your garden after all dangers of frost have passed and the ground has become warm. Plant seed approx. 0.5-1cm/20-40in deep. Allow 30-60cm/12-24in between plants and 50-100cm/20-40in between rows. Staking is recommended. If growing seed is a little hard or seed is hard to obtain potted plants are now available from your local garden center.



DESCRPTION
Fast growing annual.
Prolific fruiting variety, bearing medium sized fruit of green maturing to bright red.



USES
Great for salads, as well as stuffed or as a colorful addition to raw vegetable platters and cooked cuisine. Essentially used in stir fries. You can enjoy peppers grilled, baked or barbecued with meat and other vegetables. They are an essential ingredient in Mexican cuisine.



Crops respond to frequent irrigation and fertilizer applications. Grows best in drier parts of the tropics and in warm summer weather. Good greenhouse plant. Poor growth is usually the result of cold conditions. In greenhouses and in the wet season in the tropics, grey mold such as botrytis, can kill the stems. Better air circulation should prevent this.



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