



Cucumber

White Heritage

GROWING & SAVING SEEDS

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6 months from planting



Beginning of fruit after flowering



White heritage cucumber

with gratitude to Pauline Chant for sharing a few seeds



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Growing on a trellis with passionfruit, yam and loofah.



When to harvest cucumber for seed saving ?

Fruit turns yellow /orange and stem turns brown and dies.

When it's past the eating stage.



One had fallen off the vine... ready to save seeds!



What is the most important thing to remember when saving cucumber seeds? During the growing stage?



Scoop seeds with gel into a bowl. Leave for 2 days allowing it to ferment and a film to form.



Add water and mix. Pour off water with floating seeds and gel.



Rinse and gently rub with fingertips several times until water is clear.



Strain into a sieve and rinse while gently rubbing again to remove remaining gel.



Tap sieve onto a cloth to remove excess water.



Turn over sieve onto a tray and spread seeds.

Label and leave in a dry airy place away from the sun until completely dry. About 2 weeks.



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Package and label.

Share the excess with friends, neighbours and seed banks !





HAVE

FUN