

"Known as the most dependable early green bean, this easy-to-grow variety offers excellent flavor and is one of the best for freezing and canning. It germinates well in cooler soil, adapts to diverse soil and climate conditions, and is disease-resistant. Round, straight pods grow heavily on compact plants. Introduced in 1965 by horticulturist Dr. Hoffman of the U.S. Vegetable Laboratory in South Carolina. Bush habit, snap, 50-55 days."
- Seed Savers Exchange



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Provider Beans Growing Information

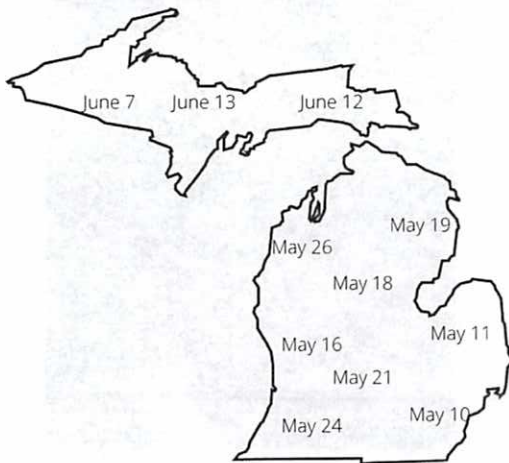


Provider beans are a great choice for first time and seasoned growers alike!

- Early yielding
- Disease resistant
- Easy to grow
- Bush habit
- Great for freezing or canning

When can I plant provider beans?

Provider bean seeds should be planted after the average last frost date in your region*



*Dates based on averages from the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA)



Growing Information

Seeding

- Plant in full sun
- Plant 3-4 seeds per foot, 1 inch deep, in rows 24-30 inches apart

Care

- Beans need 1-1.5 inch of water per week
- Water at the base of the plant, rather than the top
- Remove weeds around the base of the plant to ensure plants get enough nutrients and sunlight

Harvesting

Provider beans will start producing 50-55 days after planting. Harvest beans when they are roughly 5 inches in length. Pick consistently (every other day) to ensure plants continue to produce.

Saving Seeds

Saving bean seeds is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Mark off 2-3 plants that will be designated for seeds.
2. Allow pods to fully mature, allowing seeds to develop. Pods should be mostly fully dry when harvested, but not yet open.
3. Pick all pods and lay in a single layer on a screen or surface that allows air circulation. After pods are fully dry, remove seeds from pods and store in paper or plastic bags or sealed jars.

Store seeds in cool, dry place (32-41 degrees Fahrenheit)

Return extra seeds to your local seed library to help grow your community's seed stock!