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Vegetable seeds

Herb seeds

Flower seeds



Hot Pepper seeds

Organic seeds

All other (seeds)

Sowing instructions

Broad beans

Indoor sowing:: january - february

Outdoor sowing: end of february - end of march

Germination: 3 -8 weeks (depends on temperature)

Germination temp.: 5 - 20°C

Sowing depth: 5 - 7 cm

Plant distance in rows: 40 - 60 cm

Plant position: sunny and sheltered

Harvest period: may - july

Sow indoors in separate pots filled with moist potting soil for an early harvest from january. Sow 1 seed per pot in the middle and cover the seeds with a thick layer of soil, because broad beans are dark germinators. Don't put the pots on a warm spot, because they need cold to germinate properly. Plant the seedlings outdoors on a sunny, well manured and sheltered plot from march on. Give high varieties a sturdy support. Cover the plants with nets to avoid birds and other pests of eating them.

Sow outdoors on a sunny plot with well manured soil and shelter against the wind from march on. Sow 5 - 7 cm deep in double rows approx. 23 cm apart and keep the double rows approx. 40 - 60 cm apart. Broad beans need cold weather to thrive, so don't sow any later than the end of march. Keep moist and weedfree.

Pinch out the tops of the plants when they've 4 groups of flowers or the first pods are visible. This encourages the plant to put all its energy in making pods instead of leaves. Support the plants with bamboo canes or other support material and use nets to protect the plant against birds and other pest wanting to eat Your broad beans. Harvest when the pods are bursting. You can also eat the pods wholly, harvest then when the pods are thick like a finger. Water profusely when the pods are starting to grow and during dry spells. Broad beans can be frozen to store.