

2021 Vegetable Trial: Cauliflower, colored

Name _____
Address _____
County _____

Directions

Colored Cauliflower is grown the same as white cauliflower. It is a cool season crop and will not form nice heads if the weather is hot and dry. In our climate, it should be started indoors about eight weeks before the average date of the last frost. That would mean starting seeds in mid-March. Plant seed one-half inch deep. Keep moist. Plants can be set out in mid to late May. Space 18" to 24" apart in full sun. Fertilize with a low nitrogen fertilizer every four weeks. Keep well-watered. Mulch to keep the soil cool.

Harvest while the heads are still a little tight and just ready to open (for best eating quality) Cut the entire head. Cauliflower will not improve in flavor if left longer in the garden. Nor will it produce more heads, so you might as well pull the entire plant out.

Cabbage butterfly larvae can be a problem on cauliflower. The little green worms can be picked off. One could also use Bt or cover the crop with row cover to keep the butterfly away from the plant.

Growing Instructions by Norma Rudesill.

For more growing information please use this source: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/growing-broccoli-cauliflower-cabbage-and-other-cole-crops-wisconsin-0/>

You have six seeds of each variety. Please evaluate two plants of each variety for the trials. Plant all varieties at the same time and give same care to all for consistent results.

Cauliflower may be prepared in a variety of ways. For evaluation purposes, please use the same method on each variety.

What date did you plant the seeds? _____ Did you mulch? _____ What kind? _____

Did you fertilize? _____ If so, what kind? _____ What dates did you fertilize? _____

What pest prevention was used? _____

Did you grow plants in containers? _____ If so, would you recommend this method of planting again? _____

Please rate your soil.

Use one or two numbers that best describe your soil type: 1= sandy, 2 = silty, 3= loamy, 4= peaty, 5= clay, 6 = chalky, 7 = potting soil: _____

Soil Drainage: 1 = good, 2= adequate, 3= poor: _____ Soil Compaction: 1= low compaction, 2 = acceptable, 3 = not acceptable compaction: _____

Please rate weather during growing season.

Temperature: 1 = warmer than average, 2= average, 3= colder than average _____ Comments: _____

Moisture: 1 = wetter than average, two = average, 3= dryer than average _____ Comments: _____

Length of growing season: 1= longer than average, 2= average, 3 = shorter than average _____ Comments: _____

Photos are welcome. We especially like shots of insects, diseases, and those that compare varieties. Please email digital copies to p.wastell@gmail.com.

Do you have suggestions for further vegetable, herb, and flower trials? _____

Cauliflower, colored 2021 Vegetable Trial	Amazing	Cheddar	Green Macerata	Purple of Sicily
Germination: 1=good, 2=acceptable, 3 = not acceptable				
Yearly Yield : 1 = heavy , 2 = acceptable , 3 = not acceptable				
Raw Flavor 1=good, 2=acceptable, 3=not acceptable				
Describe flavor				
Cooked Flavor: 1=good, 2=acceptable, 3=not acceptable				
Describe Flavor				
Quality of preserved cauliflower? 1-good, 2= acceptable, 3=not acceptable				
Diseases: 1= none, 2 = some, 3 = heavy infection				
Insects: 1 = none, 2 = some, 3 = heavy infestation				
Would you purchase this variety again? (Yes or no)				
Please rank from 1 = best to 4 = least				
Comments: (include insects identified, other growing problems)				

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY October 31, 2021

Return to: Diana Alfuth, Horticulture Educator
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