

2021 Vegetable Variety Trial: Shallots

Name _____
Address _____
County _____

Directions

Shallots when grown from seed are generally started indoors, as they are slow to start. (Shallots can also be started from sets, but we are doing seed.) Seed in early March to set out in early May while the ground is still cool. Plant seed one-half inch deep and keep moist. Grow shallots in full sun, about four inches apart. Keep well watered and weed carefully, as shallots are shallow rooted.

Green shallots can be harvested when six to eight inches tall. To harvest dry shallots, wait until the tops have dried down naturally. Gently pull or use a trowel, then let dry for two to three weeks. They should be stored in a cool dry place; they also can be braided and hung. Do not peel or wash until ready to use. Shallot bulbs will separate into cloves. Some of these can be saved for next years crop. Growing instructions by Norma Rudesill.

You have 24 seeds per variety. Please evaluate at least 5 plants per variety for trials.

For more information on growing shallots use this reference <https://www.motherearthnews.com/organic-gardening/growing-onions/growing-shallots-zw0z1312zsto>

Shallots may be prepared in a variety of ways. For evaluation purposes, please use the same method on each variety. Consistent care for all four varieties gives best results for evaluating plants.

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? _____

Shallots 2021 Vegetable Trial	Ambition	Conservor	BGS-270	Zebrune
Germination: 1=good, 2=acceptable, 3 = not acceptable				
Yearly Yield: 1 = heavy, 2 = acceptable, 3 = not acceptable				
Squash shape 1=good, 2=acceptable, 3=not acceptable				
Did you eat raw? (yes or no)				
Quality of raw shallot 1=good, 2=acceptable, 3=not acceptable				
Describe flavor				
Did you eat cooked? (yes or no)				
Quality of cooked Flavor: 1=good, 2=acceptable, 3=not acceptable				
Describe Flavor				
Did you preserve? (yes or no) (freezing, drying, pickling, etc.)				
Quality of preserved shallots? 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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