

2021 Vegetable Variety Trial: Squash, Yellow Zucchini

Name _____
Address _____
County _____

Directions

Yellow zucchini is grown the same as green zucchini. It is generally direct seeded into the garden. Although, plants can be started indoors in mid-May. It is best to use a pot that can be sunk into garden with plant inside like a peat pot, as zucchini dislikes having its roots disturbed. Plant seeds one to two inches deep and keep moist. Plant seeds or transplants in the garden once the soil is thoroughly warm, generally in early June. You will not gain anything by planting while the soil is still cool. Grow zucchini in full sun in well-drained soil. Keep well-watered, with at least an inch of water a week. Harvest yellow zucchini while it is still small for best eating; about six to eight inches long. Although large ones can be used for zucchini cake, bread, muffins, etc. If you keep them picked, they should keep producing all summer until the weather cools. Growing instructions by Norma Rudesill.

Grow one hill of each variety started indoors or directly sown.
For more information on growing summer squash use this reference: <https://extension.umn.edu/vegetables/growing-summer-squash-and-zucchini-home-gardens>

Squash 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? _____

Squash, Yellow Zucchini Vegetable Trial	Easy Pick	Golden Glory	Gold Rush	Yellow Fin
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 squash 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 squash? 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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