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Growing Summer Squash (Zucchini & Yellow Squash)

Summer Squash comes in a variety of shapes and colors. Bush varieties take up relatively little space. Summer Squash is also known as Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Scalloped Squash, Patty Pan Squash. Most summer squash grow on compact vines, in contrast to the sprawling vines of most winter squash and pumpkins.



The flowers are edible and sometimes battered and fried or stuffed!

When & How to Plant: Squash like warm soil and are very sensitive to frost. So don't be in a rush to plant early in spring. Wait until danger of frost has passed and soil has warmed to about 70 degrees or about 2 weeks after the last frost date.

Plant transplants out in the garden about 1 to 2 feet apart. Use row covers to protect plants early in the season and to prevent insect problems. Remove cover before flowering to allow pollination by insects or when hot weather arrives.

Maintenance & Care: Mulching plants helps retain moisture and suppress weeds. Mounding soil around the base of the plants can discourage squash borers from laying eggs. At the end of the season, remove or till in vines to reduce mildew.

Preferred Sunlight: Full Sun.

Preferred Soil Conditions: Prefers well-drained, fertile, loose soil, high in organic matter. Plentiful and consistent moisture is needed from the time plants emerge until fruits begin to fill out. If planted in a container, requires a larger container with frequent watering.

Some varieties recommended for New York Include:

There are four groups of summer squash:

Yellow summer squash have long, thin fruits that can be smooth or warty, straight or crooknecked.

Zucchini types are also long and cylindrical, often dark green but some varieties are lighter, yellow or even white.

Scalloped or patty pan squash look like disc-shaped UFO's. Their edges are scalloped and colors range from greenish to yellow to white.

Mideast or Cousa varieties have fruit that is shorter and thicker than zucchini, usually with a pale green skin.



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Growing Zucchini

Yellow:

Early Prolific Straightneck
Fortune
Seneca
Sunburst
Sundance
Yellow Crookneck

Zucchini:

Gold Rush
Golden Burpee
Midnight Zucchini
Multipik
Revenue

Bush Scallop:

Butter Scallop
Peter Pan
Sunburst

Source:

**Cornell University, Home Gardening, Vegetable Growing Guides.
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