

Cajun Jewel Okra

This dwarf-type okra is draught-tolerant and has great flavor. Spineless plants grow between 2–4 feet and produce an early crop of tender pods (1 inch in diameter and up to 8 inches in length.) These seeds are certified organic, and are an heirloom variety introduced before 1940. This variety is particularly well-suited to the Mid-Atlantic and Southern U.S. regions. This seed variety comes from small farms within the Southern Exposure Seed Exchange “Seed Grower Network.”



To use: Direct sow once the soil averages 70°F (usually 3–4 weeks after last frost). To speed germination, soak the seeds overnight in water, or abrade very lightly with sandpaper. Water after planting. Provide rich, well-drained soil and maintain even moisture. Provide full sun and aim for soil temperatures between 70–95°F. Use hand pruners to snip off tender pods. To collect seeds, allow some healthy plants to mature instead of harvesting. When the pods turn dry/brown, and when they start to split, crack the pods open to release dark, hard seeds. Allow the seeds to air-dry for a couple of days until completely dry. Store in a cool, dark place until ready for planting.

Seed Source: Southern Exposure Seed Exchange