

# Champion Collard Greens

This heat-tolerant variety of Collard Greens grows well throughout the Southern U.S. It has increased bolt resistance and enhanced winter hardiness; periods of frost provide a sweetened flavor. It has dark blue-green foliage and will produce greens until late fall or all winter in mild climates. These seeds are certified organic and come from small farms within the Southern Exposure Seed Exchange “Seed Grower Network.” This variety is particularly well-suited to the Mid-Atlantic and Southern U.S. regions.



**To use:** For spring crops, sow indoors beginning in late winter. Sowing depth: ¼ inch. Seedlings emerge between 4–10 days and plants reach maturity in 75 days. Harden off and transplant when the plants have 3–4 true leaves. For fall crops, sow directly outdoors in late summer. Keep beds moist during germination. Space plants 12 inches apart and provide full sun. Apply deep mulch and provide fertile, well-drained soil. Maintain even moisture. Ideal soil temp: 65–85°F. To harvest, clip individual leaves before they are 12 inches long. Collards are biennial plants that will form flowers in their second year. To collect seeds, let plants flower and form pods. Once the pods are fully dry, you should see seeds inside. Store seeds in a cool, dark place until ready for planting.

Seed Source: Southern Exposure Seed Exchange