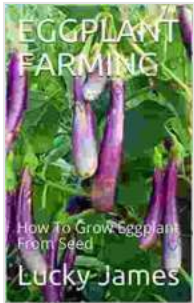


# Eggplant Farming: A Comprehensive Guide to Growing Eggplants from Seed



## EGGPLANT FARMING: How To Grow Eggplant From Seed by Reinhard Hentschke

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Eggplants are a delicious and versatile vegetable that can be enjoyed in a variety of dishes. They are a good source of vitamins, minerals, and fiber. Growing eggplants from seed is a relatively easy process, and it can be a rewarding experience to watch your plants grow and produce fruit.

## 1. Choosing the Right Eggplant Variety

There are many different varieties of eggplants available, so it is important to choose one that is well-suited to your climate and growing conditions.

Some popular varieties include:

- **Black Beauty:** This is a classic eggplant variety that produces large, dark purple fruits.

- Ichiban: This is a Japanese eggplant variety that produces small, round fruits that are perfect for stir-frying.
- Fairy Tale: This is a dwarf eggplant variety that produces small, white fruits that are ideal for pickling.

## **2. Starting Eggplants from Seed**

Eggplants can be started from seed indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost date. Sow the seeds in a well-drained seed starting mix and keep them warm and moist. Once the seedlings have developed their first set of true leaves, they can be transplanted into individual pots.

## **3. Transplanting Eggplants**

When the seedlings are 4-6 inches tall, they can be transplanted into the garden. Choose a sunny location with well-drained soil. Space the plants 2-3 feet apart.

## **4. Growing Eggplants**

Eggplants are relatively easy to grow, but they do require regular watering and fertilization. Water the plants deeply once a week, and fertilize them every few weeks with a balanced fertilizer.

## **5. Harvesting Eggplants**

Eggplants are ready to harvest when they are firm to the touch and have a deep purple color. Cut the fruits from the plant with a sharp knife.

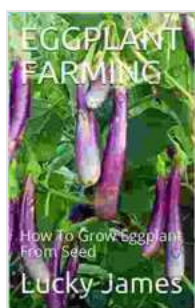
## **6. Troubleshooting Common Eggplant Problems**

Eggplants are susceptible to a few common pests and diseases. Here are some tips for troubleshooting these problems:

- **Aphids:** These small, green insects can suck the sap from eggplant leaves. Control aphids by spraying them with insecticidal soap or neem oil.
- **Spider mites:** These tiny pests can also suck the sap from eggplant leaves. Control spider mites by spraying them with water or insecticidal soap.
- **Flea beetles:** These small, black beetles can damage eggplant leaves by chewing on them. Control flea beetles by dusting the plants with diatomaceous earth or spraying them with insecticidal soap.
- **Blossom end rot:** This is a physiological disorder that causes the blossom end of the fruit to rot. Blossom end rot is caused by a calcium deficiency. To prevent blossom end rot, fertilize the plants regularly with a calcium-rich fertilizer.

## 7.

Growing eggplants from seed is a rewarding experience. With a little care and attention, you can enjoy a bountiful harvest of fresh, delicious eggplants all season long.



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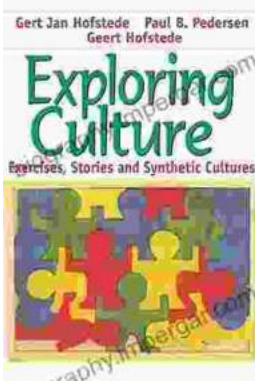
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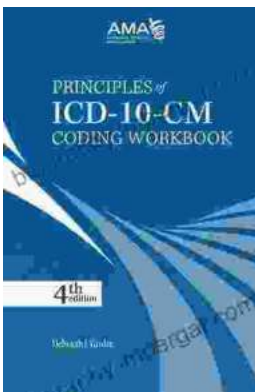
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