

BROAD BEAN VARIETIES



NAME	MATURITY	GENERAL
Coles Dwarf	Approximately 75-90 days	Compact vigorous plant with a concentrated pod set. Plants grow to about 100cm tall. Pods are short, thick and well filled and are approximately 20-25cm long.
Early Long Pod	Approximately 75-90 days	An early maturing selection from Exhibition Long Pod. Plants grow to approximately 150cm tall. Pods are fleshy and approximately 25-28cm long.
Evergreen	Approximately 75-90 days	Evergreen has smaller beans than other cultivars. The beans remain bright green when cooked and have a mild flavour. Grow to approximately 90cm tall.
Janet	Approximately 75-90 days	Plants grow to approximately 90cm tall. High yielder. Janet has a lovely taste and good texture. Grey in colour. Suitable for freezing. May flower more than other varieties.

GUIDE TO PLANTING BROAD BEANS

Broad beans are a great cool season vegetable and can be planted from April through till September.

One advantage to the home gardener is that broad beans freeze well.

Plant approximately 4cm deep, 10cm apart and the rows approximately 90cm apart.

Some of the taller varieties may grow to 2 metres and may need to be staked. However, they will not grow as tall if the tops are nipped off when plants are approximately 30cm high. This will encourage more shoots to break out from below, creating a shorter bushier plant.

Harvest before the beans get too mature. If left too long they can become chewy after cooking.

