Baby Corn F1 Hybrid - Seeds

1 packet contains Baby Corn F1 Hybrid - 30 seeds.

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Description Timing is everything with sweet corn. The kernels begin to lose sweetness and flavor the instant the ear is picked, so the great advantage of growing your own is so you can wait until the last minute. The traditional rule was to get the pot of water boiling to cook the corn and then go out and pick it.
Sweet corn is ready to eat when you can feel full, rounded kernels beneath the husk; the silk at the top of the ear is drying out; and a squished kernel produces a milky sap.

Common name: Baby corn
Difficulty level: Easy

Planting & Care

Sunlight: Part shade to full sun

Soil: The soil requirement, land preparation and crop management practices for baby corn are the same as that for sweet corn and popcorn.

Water: Water logging should be avoided.

Care:

- Planting: Corn is picky about its soil.
- Work in aged manure or compost the fall before planting and let over winter in the soil.
- Starting seeds indoors is not recommended.
- Plant seeds outdoors two weeks after the last spring frost date.
- Make sure soil temperature is above 60 degrees for successful germination.
- (Up to 65 for super sweet varieties.
-) In colder zones, the ground can be warmed by a black plastic cover if necessary.
- Plant seeds through holes.
- Plant seeds 1 inch deep, 9 to 12 inches apart.
- Leave about 3 feet between rows.
- For sufficient pollination, plan your plot right.
- Don’t plant two long rows, rather, plant corn blocks of at least four rows.
- You may choose to fertilize at planting time, corn is meant to grow rapidly.

- If you are confident that the soil is adequate, this can be skipped.
- Water well at planting time.

Harvesting: Harvest when ready! For conventional varieties the cobs are normally ready to harvest when the tassels on the husk of the cobs dry and change colour to dark brown; gently pull back the husk and pierce a kernel with your fingernail, if a milky liquid exudes the cob is ready to eat. For Babycorn varieties harvest the cobs when around 4" - 6" (10 - 15 cm) long and when the tassels are still green / red in colour. For Popcorn varieties, when the tassels on the husk of the cobs have darkened it is time to harvest and dry your cobs. Whilst it is possible to allow the cobs to naturally dry on the plants before harvesting this requires an Autumn relatively free from rain; the second disadvantage of drying on the plant is that if mice find the drying cobs they will decimate them - this we have experienced to our cost here on the nursery! So cut the cobs with a little extra stalk and gently remove the outer husk and tassel debris.

Care:

- Be careful not to damage the roots when weeding.
- Soil must be well drained and able to keep consistent moisture.
- In dry conditions, be sure to keep corn well watered due to its shallow roots.
- Water at a rate of 5 gallons per sq yard.
- Mulch helps reduce evaporation.
- When the plants are 4 to 5 inches tall, thin them to stand 16 to 23 inches apart.

Special Feature:
If too much hot pepper or spice has been added to a soup or stew, adding a can of sweet corn can help.
Use
Culinary use:

- Home grown sweetcorn is much sweeter than shop bought sweetcorn, this is because the sugar in the cobs starts to turn to starch the moment the cobs are cut.
- To get the best from your cobs cut as close to when you are going to cook them as possible - it is common for Americans (famous for their love of corn) to take a saucepan of boiling water with them to plunge the cobs into when they go to cut their corn; if you do this please be careful!
  Plunging the freshly cut cobs, husk and all, into a bucket of water and then barbecuing is also a way to maintain that super sweet flavour - no need to wrap in foil as the wet husk will protect the kernels and as the outer layers char they will give a fantastic smoky flavour.
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Reference:
https://www.victoriananursery.co.uk/How_To_Sow__Grow_Sweetcorn_Babycorn__Popcorn/