

Blue Lake Bush Beans

Phaseolus vulgaris 'Blue Lake'

At a Glance

Height: 18 to 24 inches tall (bush habit)

Pod Type: Tender, stringless green beans

Days to Maturity: 50-60 days

Best For: Fresh eating, canning, and freezing

Growing Conditions Quick Reference

Soil Temperature: 65-85F for best germination

Soil Type: Loose, well-drained soil with organic matter

Light Requirements: Full sun

Planting Depth: 1 inch deep

Seeding Rate: 2-3 seeds every 4-6 inches

Plant Spacing: Thin rows to 18-24 inches apart

Moisture Needs: Moderate; water consistently during pod development

Average Germination Time: 7-10 days

How to Grow

When to Plant: Direct sow after danger of frost when soil warms to 65F.

Location: Full sun in well-drained soil.

Spacing: Sow seeds 4-6 inches apart in rows 18-24 inches apart.

Watering: Keep soil evenly moist for best yields.

Fertilizer: Avoid high nitrogen fertilizers; they promote leaves instead of pods.

Tips for Success

Succession plant every 2 weeks for a continuous harvest.

Avoid working with wet plants to prevent disease.

Harvest regularly to encourage more pod production.

Rotate planting locations yearly to reduce pests and disease.

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Fun Fact

Blue Lake Beans were originally developed for canning and are prized for their rich flavor and crisp texture.

Companion Planting

Pairs well with carrots, cucumbers, and radishes. Avoid planting near onions and garlic.

Harvesting and Use

Pick beans when pods are firm and crisp but before seeds inside swell. Great for fresh eating, canning, or freezing.

Quick Planting Checklist

- Direct sow after frost
- Sow seeds 4-6 inches apart
- Keep soil evenly moist
- Harvest regularly for more pods