

MOLES SEEDS

Florence Fennel

Cultural Leaflet: ZZ562

This type of fennel is mainly grown for its bulbous roots and edible leaves, which are becoming more popular for use in specialist cuisine. Suitable for fresh sales and the catering trade - also popular as a mini-vegetable. Florence fennel is also a good choice as an ornamental vegetable where it can be left to bolt.

For retail plant sales, double sow April-July into cell trays.

Propagation and Growing-on

Sow April-July, germinates at 10-30°C (250 seeds per gram). Spacing 20-30cm by 60-100cm, giving plant population of 30-90,000 per hectare.

Pelleted seed is available for more accurate seed placement.

Harvest July to October.

Routine Care

Florence fennel can be prone to bolting, although bolt-resistant varieties are now available. Bolting is usually caused by stress to the plant which could be from transplanting, drought or a cold spell. Keep soil moist at all times.

Pest and Disease

Florence fennel can be affected by the following:

- Slugs and snails
- Bolting

Information provided for guidance only, as cultural practices and climatic circumstances vary.

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