

Corn



Skill Level-Hard

Stowell's Evergreen: 85-100 days. Leading white sweet corn for home gardens and market growers. Ears grow 8-9" long, 1-2 ears per stalk, holds well.

How to plant:

DIRECT SEED 4" Apart

GERMINATION 4-21 days

ROWS APART 36-48"

LIGHT Full Sun

NUMBER OF PLANTS: 50-100

Green Thumb Tip

Sow seeds outdoors 1" deep after danger of frost has passed. For good pollination and full ears, plant in blocks of 3-6 rows instead of one long row. Thin seedlings to 8" apart. Corn is a heavy feeder and does best in well-drained fertile soil with plenty of water.

Harvesting the seed:

Wind pollinated. Corn must either be hand pollinated or isolated by ¼ mile between varieties. However, if tree lines, woods or structures separate the corn varieties then shorter distances may be sufficient. A minimum of 100 plants should be used for saving seed to maintain the maximum amount of genetic diversity of the variety. Allow the ears to dry on the plant and harvest when husks are dry and papery. Once harvested some additional drying under cover or indoors may be necessary before they can be shelled easily. Once shelled use a ½" screen on top of a ¼" screen to help with cleaning. Corn seed can remain viable for 5-10 years under cool and dry storage conditions.



The Waupaca Seed Library is a circulating collection of seeds hosted by the Waupaca Area Public Library.

The seeds are available to anyone with the intention of growing and collecting new seed to be returned to the library for other patrons.

The goal is to have borrowers collect seed to make available to the public for planting the following year to continue the cycle.