

Broccoli

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General Information

- Brassica oleracea var. botrytis, Broccoli
- Brassicaceae family
- Sunlight: full sun. Can tolerate light shade but will slow maturity.
- Soil conditions: requires well-drained, fertile soil high in organic matter,
- Needs plentiful, consistent moisture.

Broccoli Photos courtesy of Gail Hermenau.



Successful Cultivators

- Bonanza hybrid (55 days) Large central head, side shoots.
- Di Cicco (48 days) Small to medium florets.
- Blue Ribbon hybrid (52 days) Large central head, side shoots.
- Burgundy (37 days) Purple buds with purple-green stems.



Common Pests and Diseases

- Imported Cabbage Worm
- Cross Striped Cabbage Worm (pictured here)
- Cabbage looper
- Harlequin Bug
- Clubroot



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