



Summer Squash

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General Information

- Cucurbita pepo, Summer Squash
- Cucurbitaceae family
- Sunlight: full sun.
- Soil Conditions: requires well-drained soil, high fertility.
- Grows well in container.

Successful Cultivators

- Black Beauty (50 days) Glossy, black-green, creamy white flesh.
- Golden Zebra (50-60 days) Bushy plant, golden and white fruits. (pictured here)
- Sunburst (55 days) 2-3" yellow, scallop shape.

Common Pests and Diseases

- Squash bug (pictured here)
- Squash vine borer
- Striped Cucumber Beetles
- Bacterial wilt
- Powdery mildew
- Downy mildew

Summer Squash photos courtesy of Gail Hermenau.



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