

**Early Flat Dutch Cabbage**

**Does well in southern and coastal areas thanks to its heat resistance. Excellent sauerkraut variety and the best variety for storage. Large, flat heads, 6-10 lbs, average 11 in. with medium core and few outside leaves. Sweet, mild taste.**

**If direct sowing, plant seeds ½” deep, 1” apart; thin to mature spacing of 18-24” in rows 24-36” apart. If transplanting seedlings, plant when 4-6 weeks old with 4-5 true leaves and set into soil deeply up to their first true leaves, especially if they are leggy or have crooked stems.**

**Avoid planting cabbage in same area year after year to minimize soil-borne diseases.**

**Fertilize: Use a high nitrogen fertilizer such as 10-3-3 when plants are established and around 6 inches tall. Add a second and final batch of fertilizer once a noticeable head forms on the cabbage plants, following the same procedure. Do not add more fertilizer after this point, as it encourages loose and/or split heads of cabbage.**

**Irrigation: Regular, even watering. Uneven watering can result in stunted or cracked heads. As plants reach maturity, cut back on watering to avoid splitting heads.**

**Matures in 85-105 days from seeding; 60-105 days from transplant.**

**Companion plants include beets, celery, fragrant herbs, onions, potatoes. Avoid pole beans, strawberries, tomatoes.**