East Bay Nursery

Cocozelle Zucchini

Cucurbita pepo var. cylindrica 'Cocozelle'



Cocozelle Zucchini fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Courgette

Group/Class: Heirloom

Description:

A beautiful heirloom variety featuring neat and compact bush plants; producing medium sized, 8" long dark green fruit with cream colored striping; mild flavor, perfect for cooking and baking and freezing; flowers can be stuffed, fried or added to salads

Edible Qualities

Cocozelle Zucchini is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces dark green long fruit with creamy white stripes and creamy white flesh which can be harvested at any point. The fruits have a pleasant taste.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Cocozelle Zucchini will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Cocozelle Zucchini is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.