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Garden Seed Shelf-Life

Vegetable	Average rate of germination at 1 year (%)	Average years seed will germinate	Number of seeds per ounce	Average days to germination
Asparagus	90	3	1,000	14-21
Beans	90	3	90-100	6-15
Cabbage	85	4	5,000	10-14
Carrot	75	3	14,000	14-21
Cauliflower	75	4	14,000	10-14
Corn, Sweet	85	3	125	5-7
Cucumber	85	5	1,000	7-10
Eggplant	75	4	5,000	7-14
Lettuce	90	6	12,000-16,000	7-10
Muskmelon	85	5	1,200	6-10
Mustard	85	3	18,000	8-12
Okra	85	1	425	10-14
Onion	80	2	12,5000	7-14
Parsnip	85	1	600	21-27
Pea	90	3	50-150	7-10
Pepper	75	2	4,000	10
Pumpkin	90	4	100	7-10
Radish	90	4	5,000	4-6
Spinach	80	3	3,000	8-12
Tomato	85	3	6,000-7,500	5-7
Turnip	90	4	10,000	7-10
Watermelon	85	5	175-225	6-8