

PERSIAN CUCUMBERS

History

Persian cucumbers only grow up to 5 or 6 inches long and are nearly seedless. Despite their name, it is not certain that they originated in Persia.

Fun Fact

Cucumbers can help with bad breath! Place a slice on the roof of your mouth and hold it there for 30 seconds. Cucumbers have phytochemicals that kill the bacteria responsible for bad breath.



Growing and Harvest



- Just like other members of the gourd family, including pumpkins and zucchini, cucumbers grow on a vine.
- Cucumber plants grow best in hot temperatures and need at least 6 hours of sunlight a day. If it is too wet or too cold, the cucumbers won't survive.
- Persian cucumbers are usually harvested when they are 3-5 inches long.

Activities

Use your 5 senses to describe the Persian cucumber.

- What does it look like?
- What does it feel like?
- What does it smell like?
- What does it taste like?
- What sound does it make when you eat it?

Write a paragraph describing your favorite fruit or vegetable using the 5 senses.

See if your classmates can guess what it is!

Cucumber

