Dragon F1

BEETROOT PLANTING GUIDE

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Sow directly. Grow steadily. Harvest fresh.

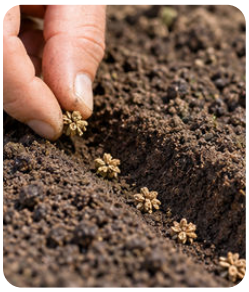


Before you sow

Choose a mild or cool period and a sunny spot with 6-8 hours of light. Avoid extreme heat and severe frost at establishment. Make a fine, loose, well-drained bed; remove stones, clods and weeds.

SOWING DEPTH	AFTER THINNING	BETWEEN ROWS
2 cm	10 cm apart	30 cm

1. Sow in the bed



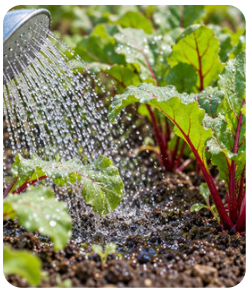
Sow 2 cm deep where the roots will grow. Cover with fine soil and water gently. Keep the surface moist until emergence.

2. Give seedlings room



At about 5 cm tall, thin crowded seedlings to 10 cm apart. Snip unwanted plants at soil level to protect nearby roots.

3. Water and weed



Water evenly as roots grow. Avoid waterlogging and repeated drying out. Remove small weeds gently without disturbing roots.

4. Harvest by size



Lift at about 5-7 cm across, or earlier for baby beetroot. Loosen firm soil carefully. Harvest before roots become oversized and woody.

First shoots: usually 7-14 days in suitable conditions; cold soil can delay emergence. Follow the seed-lot label if its instructions differ.

Keep growing

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A steady start makes a difference.

Beet seed clusters may produce more than one seedling, so check for crowding. Keep moisture even and leave enough space for roots to swell. Sow small batches at intervals if you want a longer picking season.

Use your conditions as the guide

South African sowing windows vary with altitude, frost, heat and rainfall. These are general beetroot planting instructions applied to Dragon F1, rather than a guarantee of cultivar performance or a fixed harvest date. Follow your current seed-lot label and local supplier advice.

PLANTING REFERENCES

Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Beetroot production in Limpopo Province - local climate, soil, sowing depth, spacing and irrigation.
https://www.ldard.gov.za/index.php/beetroot-production-in-limpopo-province

Utah State University Extension

How to Grow Beets in Your Garden - emergence, moisture, weeding and harvest by root development.
https://extension.usu.edu/yardandgarden/research/beets-in-the-garden

University of Maryland Extension

Growing Beets in a Home Garden - seed clusters, thinning and root size at harvest.
https://extension.umd.edu/resource/growing-beets-home-garden

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PICTURE CREDITS

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