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## HOW TO PRODUCE AND SAVE YOUR OWN CAPSICUM SEEDS



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*Steps on extracting and saving Capsicum seeds*

**Step 1: Harvest:** Select healthy, disease and insect free fully ripe fruits from healthy plants; store them in a well covered container/basket in cool and dry place for a week to allow any slightly immature fruits to ripen fully.



Fully ripe fruits

**Step 2: Extraction:** Cut each capsicum into half or open at the top and gently scoop out the seeds with a small knife into a small tray or container.



1. Cut capsicum into half or open the top as shown

**Step 5: Drying & storage:** Dry seeds under partial sunlight or shed for two to three days. Best times to dry seeds are from 8am-11am in the morning and 4pm-6pm in the afternoon. When dried, store capsicum seeds in airtight container, manila envelopes (for small quantities), cloth bags, plastic containers, metal containers, foil envelopes or any other suitable container. Store seeds under dry and cool conditions in order to maintain seed viability.



Dry seeds under partial sunlight or shed.



Seeds stored in manila envelopes

**Step 4: Straining:** After thorough washing, fill the container with water and stir, then allow the contents to settle. Pour out the bad seeds floating on the water surface. **Note:** Repeat this process until water is clear and good clean seeds sink to the bottom of the container.



1. Pour good clean seeds into a fine-mesh strainer to drain excess water.



2. Spread on clean dry surface such as a tray, paper towel or newspaper.

**Step 2: Extraction: continues...**



2. Gently scoop out the seeds with a small knife into tray or container.



**Step 3: Washing:** After all seeds have been scooped into the container, bring container to the tap and wash under running water. Pour seeds onto a fine-mesh strainer and wash again with running water.



1. Wash seeds using running water.



2. Pour seeds in fine strainer.



3. Wash again with running water.

**Step 3: Washing: continues..**



4. Pour into clear bowl.



5. Fill with water and stir



6. Pour out the immature seeds floating on water surface.