

How Long Will Stored Seeds Last?

This chart gives you an estimate of how long, on average, saved seeds will last. To maximize storage life, keep seeds in a cool, dry place out of the light (preferably in an airtight container).

Vegetable / Flower Plant Type	Ave Storage Life (Years) <i>(Gardening Channel estimate)</i>	Ave Storage Life (Years) <i>(Johnny's Selected Seeds estimate)</i>
Artichoke & Cardoon	*	1-4
Asparagus	3	3-4
Bean	3	2-4
Beet	4	2-5
Broccoli	3	3-5
Brussels Sprouts	4	3-5
Cabbage	4	3-5
Carrot	3	3-4
Cauliflower	3	4-5
Celery & Celeriac	4	3-5
Chicory	4	4-5
Chinese Cabbage	3	3-5
Collards	4	3-5
Corn, Sweet	5	1-3
Cucumber	2	3-6
Eggplant	5	4-5
Endive	4	5
Fennel	5	3-4
Kale	4	3-5
Kohlrabi	4	3-5
Leek	3	2-3
Lettuce	2	1-6
Melon	6	3-6
Mustard	5	4
Okra	4	2-3
Onion	2	1-2
Parsley	1	*
Parsnip	1	1-3
Pea	1	2-4
Pepper	3	2-5
Pumpkin	2	4-6
Radish	4	4-5
Rutabaga	5	3-5
Spinach	1	1-5
Squash	3	3-6
Swiss Chard	3	2-5
Tomato	4	3-7
Turnip	4	4-5
Watermelon	4	4-5