

Eggplant: Kamo



Starting & Ending Population size¹

Starting population size: 160 (Stable seed stock)
265 (Poor seed stock)

Harvest population size: Fruits for seed production should be harvested from a minimum of **80 plants**.

Seedling until flowering

Rogue plants:

Low vigour (5-10% of population)
Off-type plant/foilage colour and growth habit



Early flowering to fruiting

Select fruits:

Very round, globular shape
Flat bottom
Purple calyx



At Fruit Maturity

Select fruits:

Thin, non glossy skin
Dark purple to black colour
4 in diameter
Taste (creamy)



A note about germination:

The seeds of eggplants are still very immature when the fruit is edible. Leave edible eggplant on the vine for an additional 2-3 weeks after you would normally harvest.

Further Roguing & Selection Information

Seedling stage until before flowering: Remove any plants with low vigour during the seedling and early growth stages. Before flowering, examine plant colour, growth habit and foliage characteristics such as shape, size, and posture and remove off types.

Early flowering until fruit set: Rogue off-type plants at early flowering and fruit development by observing general plant habit, vigour and degree of spyness. At fruiting, off-types can be identified on the basis of fruit characteristics like shape, size and colour. (see below for details of fruit characteristics and use pictures included)

When fruit reaches maturity: Select fruit with very thin skin that is non-glossy and dark purple to nearly black. Fruits, usually about 4 inches in diameter, are very round with a flat bottom, normally 1/2 pound but can exceed a pound in weight. The taste is creamier and more delicate texture than ordinary eggplant. Its texture is fresh and smooth.

***These are suggested tips and strategies for selecting a true to type Kamo eggplant, you are welcome to look for other characteristics that you find appealing or suit your farm, market or growing condition. Please make note of it if you do so. ***

