

FD-168 Pepper Shishimai: Thailand (25 seeds/pack)

Growing Information

Suitable temperature for germination: 75-85°F

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Soil pH: 6.5-7.5

Days to maturity: 50-60 days from transplanting

It's best to start Shishimai indoors and transplant outdoors. Transplants should be placed 12 inches apart, leaving ample room for growth. As the plant grows, it's best to prune the first 2-5 flowers to promote growth. Harvest once the peppers reach 3-5 inches in length.

Germination

Transplanting required. Sow 1-2 seeds per cell into a 72-cell tray in 1/4-1/2" deep and cover gently. Thin to one plant per cell after germination.

Maintain soil moisture. Dry-wet cycles and overwatering can prevent germination.

Water as needed once first true leaves emerge; allow soil to dry between watering.

Transplanting

Check for readiness between 55–65 days after germination by gently pulling on the base of the stem to see if the roots hold the soil together.

Transplant to 18" spacing with 18-24" between rows.

Transplant shock: leaves may turn yellow after transplant but will return to normal after 10-14 days.

Maintenance

Pruning: remove first 3-5 flowers to promote vegetative growth and encourage higher yields.

Avoid overwatering; can cause peppers to enter dormancy.

Cultivate to prevent weed growth and use best management practices for pests.

Harvest

Harvest at 3-5" when deep green.

Continually harvest 2–3 times per week. Delayed harvest can prevent fruit set and decrease yields.

Over-mature fruits will turn red and can become spicy.