Bunching Onions: How to grow, harvest, clean, and sell bunching onions

To plant bunching onions, take the 200-cell flats and sprinkle a pinch of seeds into each cell, approximately eight to ten seeds. You can use a scooper or a tool that can accommodate that many seeds and deposit them into each cell. The seedlings are then grown in the germination house and, once it is warm enough outside, they are transferred to the prop house. Planting is done in six-by-six landscape fabric beds with five rows in each.

Techniques for Harvesting

There are two techniques for harvesting bunching onions. One method involves grabbing the whole bunch and yanking it out. Alternatively, when the onions are slightly drier and more resistant, you can pull them until they easily come out. Bunching onions can be harvested as needed. For instance, if you typically sell 20 bunches per week, you can return each week to harvest another 20. These onions can be harvested continuously for two to three months, making them an excellent crop that can be stored in the garden for several weeks.

To clean the harvested bunching onions, use a water sprayer to remove all the dirt and debris. The water sprayer should effectively blow out any accumulated soil, leaving the onions clean and ready for consumption or sale.