

Purple Broccoli Farming | How to grow Purple Broccoli

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Site selection, soil preparation, and planting

Purple broccoli thrives in well-drained, fertile soil with a pH level between 6.0 and 7.5. Choose a location that receives full sun as it requires at least 6 to 8 hours of direct sunlight daily. Prepare the soil by adding organic matter, such as compost or well-rotted manure, to improve soil fertility and structure. Ensure proper drainage to prevent water logging, which can lead to root diseases.

Purple broccoli can be grown from seeds or transplants. Start the seeds 6 to 8 weeks before the last expected frost date and transplant them when they have 2-3 true leaves. Space the transplants 18 to 24 inches apart and rows 2-3 feet apart.

Care, maintenance, and harvesting

Water consistently to keep the soil evenly moist, especially during dry spells. Mulch around the plants to retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. Fertilize with a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer when transplanting and again when the plants are about half way to maturity.

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