

# GROW YOUR OWN EGGPLANT

## General Information

- Scientific Name: *Solanum melongena*
  - Family: Solanaceae
- Warm season
- Planting Window:
  - Start seeds under lights indoors in mid-March for transplanting
- pH = 5.5-6.5
- MPD: 12 inches (in both directions)
  - If using containers, one plant can fit in a 5 gallon bucket, or two plants in an 18 gallon tote bin!
- Tip: work in one trowel-full of 4-6-6 fertilizer into hole before transplanting!

## Pests & Diseases

- Flea beetles can occur when plants are small, use row covers until plant is large enough to resist significant damage
  - Remove when plant begins to flower

## Successful Cultivars

- Black Beauty (74 days)
- Ophelia hybrid (55 days)

