

7 Things You Should Know Before Buying Seeds

Whether for personal, family or group use, or for investment-grade seeds, ask yourself these things first:

1. How Fresh Are My Seeds?

Do you know? You should. Is your seed supplier able to provide fresh seed when you order? Our organic seeds are ONLY seeds from the most recent crops available. We ship large volumes, we package to order and our seeds stocks are constantly rotated to ensure that your seeds are the freshest possible and will deliver the longest shelf-life possible. Some of our "competitors" are still selling seeds from stocks that are 3-5 years old. The only way you can know is to insist that your seed supplier provide seed "lot information", along with "germination rates and test dates". If your seed supplier does not provide this information you should be concerned that your seeds are not fresh.

2. Am I Truly getting the most seed for my money?

This year size matters! You need to get the largest amount of seed for the smallest amount of money you can, period. You need to buy from the largest, most reputable seed supplier who can deliver fresh, properly processed, wholesale priced seed directly to you. No middlemen, no resellers, no joke. This is not a casual gardening year. This year your investment in seeds could be the most important investment you make and you need to make sure you get the most for your money. Our supplier is the largest supplier of exclusively non-hybrid seeds in North America. We deliver the freshest seed with the lowest price, properly processed and straight to your door with no middlemen.

3. Are my seeds packaged for long-term storage? Truly? How do I know? Who says?

The United States Dept. of Agriculture has been researching the long term storage of seeds for decades at their Seed Bank Facility (now known as NCGRP) in Ft. Collins Colorado <http://www.ars.usda.gov/Main/docs.htm?docid=17922> . The USDA has indicated that 2 factors are most important in the preservation of seed viability (germination rate) over time: Temperature and moisture content. Many "survival" seed suppliers confuse the methods for storing food (which is inactive) with the methods for storing seeds (which are alive). For example, "canning" or vacuum-packing seeds in order to reduce oxygen is great for preserving food yet can actually destroy seeds. It IS NOT RECOMMENDED that you remove oxygen from seed storage. IT IS RECOMMENDED that you reduce the moisture content of the seeds prior to sealing them for storage. This will increase the shelf-life up to many years beyond their "normal" shelf-life. Our supplier is the ONLY seed supplier that has studied and implemented these long-term storage methods. We call this method Seed Archiving. If you are purchasing seeds for yourself, family, group or for investment, your "return" is the germination rate (what percentage of seeds sprout and become plants). The lower the germination rate the lower your "return" on this investment. Be sure you are making the right investment choice. Choose Archival Seeds.

4. Is my seed purchase going to truly fit my needs?

How well is your set of non-hybrid seeds going to fit your needs? Some non-hybrid seed suppliers provide 1 or 2 "canned" sets of seeds with no concern for growing zones, ease of use, local environment, or group situation. Our Seed Packs are specifically designed for use within the most common environmental and social conditions. Whether you are a single person in the city, a family in the suburbs or a church group in the country, our Seed Packs are designed with your needs in mind.

5. Am I going to receive assistance in planning, planting, tending and harvesting my garden? How is that?

We publish the LARGEST ORGANIC GROWING GUIDE ON THE INTERNET. Fully searchable, complete with information on preparation, seed propagation, transplanting, maintaining, harvesting and seed-saving. You will have free, 24/7 year-round access to this remarkable resource. Free to ALL our customers.

6. What kind of guarantee does my seed supplier give? Truly?

Here is the list of guarantees from our supplier.

1. Satisfaction Guarantee – If for any reason, you are not 100% satisfied with our seed packs, we will return your money. Period.
2. Shipment Guarantee –we guarantee we will ship your order in the time we quote. Period.
3. True Seed Guarantee –we guarantee we will provide the seed we specify, with full disclosure of seed lot#, germination rate and test data. Every time.
4. Archival Guarantee – We guarantee that each seed has been processed to reduce moisture content prior to sealing, rendering an “archival” quality seed, with longer shelf-life.

7. If Seeds become short (difficult to get) and rise dramatically in value, will I have an outlet for selling mine? (This will probably happen)

If the economic downturn continues and turns to hyper-inflation, goods will become far more valuable than money itself. This has happened many times all over the world. In these extreme circumstances basic necessities such as food, and seeds become the most valuable goods available. As money declines in value these things rise right along with gold, other precious metals and other basic commodities. Vegetable garden seeds, being a concentrated food-source, are perhaps the MOST valuable commodity of all in such conditions. Certainly the most compact value one can think of! For most of 2008, gold was valued between \$700 and \$900 an ounce. If paper money “tanks” and hard goods become king, seed will dominate the landscape. and.....who knows, maybe seeds will reach hundreds of dollars an ounce. Our supplier of the organic seeds is preparing for just this sort of occurrence with the Open Seed Exchange (OSX), an online trading system for high-value seeds in a hyper-inflationary economy. In short, if you buy seeds from us now, you will have access to the trading system once it becomes necessary and available and will be able to trade seeds for cash or other commodities. We are sorry, OSX is available ONLY to owners of this brand of non-hybrid seeds in unopened archival packaging. Since we can only guarantee seeds we know, we can only provide this trading platform to those who own the seeds we know.