

SEED LONGEVITY CHART

Short-lived seeds: Recommended for one season, but may maintain acceptable germination rates in second year.

Medium-lived seeds: If properly stored, should maintain good viability for up to five years.

Long-lived seeds: If properly stored, should maintain good viability for more than five years.

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency Standard for Canada No. 1 Seed minimum germination rates on current year's seeds.

VEGETABLE	Short	Med.	Long	Min. Germ. %
Asparagus		•		75
Arugula			•	80
Beans		•		80
Beets		•		75
Broccoli			•	80
Brussels sprouts			•	80
Cabbage			•	80
Cantaloupe		•		80
Carrot		•		75
Cauliflower			•	80
Celery		•		55
Chicory			•	65
Corn	•			85
Cucumber			•	80
Endive & Radicchio			•	65
Kale & Collards			•	80
Kohlrabi			•	80
Leeks	•			65
Lettuce	•			70
Mustard			•	80
Okra	•			55
Onions	•			75
Pac choi & Choi sum			•	80
Parsnip	•			60
Peas		•		75
Pelleted seeds (all)	•			Variable by crop
Peppers	•			65
Squash & Pumpkin		•		80
Radish			•	80
Rutabaga			•	80
Spinach		•		65
Swiss Chard		•		75
Tomato			•	75
Turnip			•	80
Watermelon			•	80