

# Onion



**Method:**  
Sow direct or raise seedlings

**When:**  
Winter and autumn

**Hardiness / Life Cycle:**  
Hardy Biennial (usually grown as an Annual)

**Germination:**  
7-10 days at 20-25°C

The onion (*Allium cepa*), is a vegetable that is closely related to garlic, shallot, and leek. It's commonly cooked with other ingredients adding texture and umami flavour.

- **Globular, bulbous form**
- **Generally stores well**
- **Wide varieties**

Sizes can range wildly but generally will be from 2.5-8 cm (1-3.1 in). The onion plant has an arrangement of leaves sprouting from the ground while the bulb is grown underground. This bulb consists of multiple layers coming together in the centre. When cut, the circles go from large to small.



**Sowing Depth:**

**5 mm**



**Plant Spacing:**

**10 cm**



**Row Spacing:**

**40 cm**



**Position:**

Full sun, well drained soil

**Days to Maturity/  
Flowering:**

60-240 days