

## BUSH DRY BEANS



**Cannellini**



**Kenearly Yellow Eye**



**Midnight Black Turtle Soup**



**Vermont Cranberry**

Dry beans are high in protein, low in fat, and simple to grow and store. Winter meals made with wholesome, high-protein beans are a welcome reminder of summer's garden, and are a major contributor to self-sufficiency. The following varieties each provide different eating qualities for fresh or dry use. The pods mature all at once and thresh out easily without machinery.

### BUSH DRY BEANS

#### *Phaseolus vulgaris*

**CULTURE:** All varieties listed are bush types and should be planted like bush beans. We offer only untreated seeds. Sow when soil has warmed to at least 60°F (16°C) or risk poor germination.

**DISEASES:** Diseases affecting beans include blights, anthracnose, sclerotinia, and mosaic. Plant in well-drained soil, keep free of weeds, and do not handle when wet with rain or dew. Plow in all bean straw in the fall and practice a 3-year crop rotation; preferably into corn or grain crops.

**HARVEST:** When at least 90% of leaves have fallen and pods are dry, pull plants out by the roots. Complete drying under cover if weather is wet.

**THRESHING:** Depending on quantity, thresh by (1) shelling pods individually; (2) holding several plants by the roots and banging back and forth inside a barrel or trash can; (3) stepping on a large, closed bag full of dry plants; or (4) using a properly adjusted threshing machine.

**STORAGE:** Make sure beans are dry (max. 9% moisture) and then store in a cool, dry place. Freeze dry beans to control storage insect pests.

**AVG. SEEDING RATE:** 11 lb./15', 9 lb./1,000', 125 lb./acre at 7 seeds/ft. in the row and rows 3' apart.

**SEED SPECS:** SEEDS/LB.: See individual varieties.

**PACKET:** 100 seeds, sows 14'.

**Cannellini 75** 80 days shell; 98 days dry.

**For dry or fresh shell beans.** We offer the variety "Gentec 401." Heavy yields of attractive, white kidney beans. Pods avg. 5 1/2". Large, upright, bush plants keep beans off the ground. Excellent eating quality both as a shell or dry bean. In spite of its name, it was bred using traditional breeding methods. Avg. 900 seeds/lb.

**Kenearly Yellow Eye 2427** 90 days.

**Best variety for baked beans.** Kenearly is very similar to Maine Yellow Eye, but matures more uniformly for easier harvest and has a slightly larger eye. The eating quality is every bit as good. Excellent for baked bean suppers and hearty winter soups, where the beans cook down into a rich, creamy broth. Avg. 900 seeds/lb.

**Midnight Black Turtle Soup 86** 104 days.

**For spicy soups, stews, and refrying.** The best variety of this Latin favorite, Midnight is an improved, upright-growing, black bean strain. The tall bush keeps the pods off the ground. Our nicest flavored bean. Small black beans, about the size of pea beans. Avg. 2,300 seeds/lb.

**Vermont Cranberry 20** 75 days shell; 98 days dry. 

**Very large beans for soups and baking.** Long, avg. 6", bright red-mottled pods are borne on large, upright plants. The shelled beans are oval, medium-sized, plump, red and pink streaked. This old-time Northern New England variety can also be grown for shell beans. Mild flavor. Avg. 950 seeds/lb.