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CELERY – *Apium graveolens var. dulce*. Thrives in loose rich moist soil. An early crop can be grown from transplants. All parts of the plant from the leaves to the root can be used in cooking. Celeriac is an easily grown version of celery with a large savory root. Rich in potassium, phosphorus, calcium and vitamins C, K and A. **Approximately 72,000 seeds per ounce or 2500 seeds per gram.**

Planting Recommendations: Sow seed indoors 10 weeks before last frost date. Celery seed needs light to germinate, so barely cover the seed. Soil temperature for best germination is 70°; soil temperature for best growth is 60-70°. Transplant outdoors when day temperatures are stay above 55° and night temperatures are above 40°. Plant in rich soil amended with a good amount of rich organic matter. Keep celery weed free and water as needed to keep soil moist but not soggy. Side dress with fish emulsion or similar product every 2-3 weeks throughout the growing season for best production.

History: Celery is thought to be the same plant as *selinon* mentioned in Homer's Odyssey around 850 BC. It has been known in the Mediterranean countries for thousands of years. It was used for medicinal purposes, flavoring or fed to horses not until the early 1623 in France was celery used as a food, mainly as a flavoring. Improvements of the wild type of celery did not occur until the late 17th century. About this same time gardeners discovered the too strong flavor could be tamed by growing the plants in late summer and fall, keeping them through the winter. Celery came to the United States with the European colonists with four varieties listed in 1806.

Planting Info:

Planting Depth: Barely Cover

Germination Temp: 70°

Days to Germinate: 7-14

Growing Soil Temp: 60°- 70°

Spacing: 8"

Planting Location: Full Sun, will tolerate Partial Shade

Seed Notes:

Seeds per ounce: Approx. 70,000-72,000

Seeds per gram: Approx. 2500