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BELLA VERDE

Sweet Stem / Stick Broccoli



KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Bella Verde is a new "sweet stem" or stick broccoli. It is grown like regular broccoli, but separate stems are harvested to be packaged as a bunch.
- Bella Verde is slightly earlier and sometimes with a tighter bead than the standard sweet stem varieties. It is good in spring but better going from warm to cool.
- Each plant will have around 10-15 side shoots and should be harvested when the head is about 1 inch (2-3 cm) diameter. If it is bigger than 1 inch, the buds will start flowering (so harvest promptly).
- Growers should experiment with pinching out the center shoot (bottom left photo shows plants that have been pinched).



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