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### **Velour Bush Bean**

*Phaseolus vulgaris 'Velour'*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

#### **Description:**

High yielding and disease resistant, this compact bush variety; produces an abundance of slim and slender, 5" long purple pods over a long harvest period; turning green when cooked, these delicious and crisp beans are excellent fresh, cooked or pickled

#### **Edible Qualities**

Velour Bush Bean is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces deep purple long pods which can be harvested at any point. The pods have a delicious taste and a crisp texture.

The pods are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Pickling
- Freezing

#### **Planting & Growing**

Velour Bush Bean will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. This fast-growing vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.



*Velour Bush Bean fruit*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Velour Bush Bean is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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