

# CARROTS

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## Carrot Top

The carrot is one of the top-ten most economically important crops in the world. Carrots are a taproot, a type of root which grows downwards into the soil and swells. They come in many sizes and shapes: round, cylindrical, fat, very small, long or thin. Carrots only need a small amount of space and are very easy to grow. They need well-worked, sandy soil so they will grow long, straight roots. Lumps and stones in the soil will cause the carrots to grow crooked. Carrots taste best when grown in cool weather. When the weather is too hot, the carrots grow bitter.

## Did You Know?

Texas ranks 5th in U.S. production of carrots. Over 9,400 acres are grown in Texas, with 60% for fresh market and 40% for processing. Primary production is in the Lower Rio Grande Valley December through May and in the High Plains during the winter.

