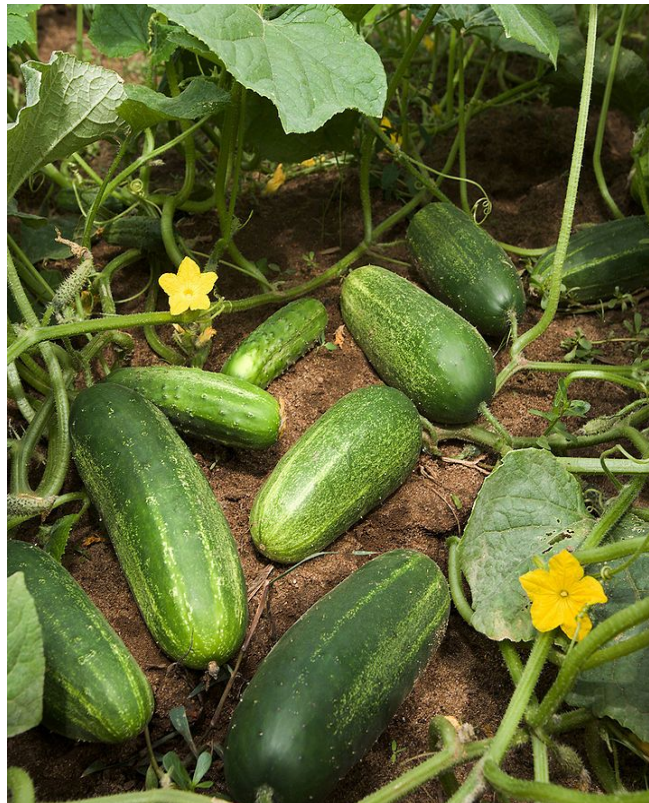


CUCUMBER

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How to Pick a Cucumber

Look for cucumbers with a bright, even colour of skin without dullness or sweating.

Test the firmness of the cucumber. A good cucumber is firm and does not bend.

Avoid cucumbers with blemishes, soft spots, yellowing, or easily bent.

Do not store cucumbers in the refrigerator as they are sensitive to cold.



Cool as a Cucumber

Cucumbers are grown for slicing or for pickling. Varieties that grow in Texas for pickling include Carolina, Fancypak, Multipik, and National Pickling. Varieties that are grown in Texas for slicing include Poinsett, Straight 8, Sweet Slice, and Sweet Success.

Texas is one of the top 10 cucumber producers. Planted in spring and fall on 8,000 to 14,000 acres. Commercial sales from the Lower Rio Grande Valley and roadside sales in East Texas.

