



## Eggplant 'Hansel' F<sub>1</sub> AAS Vegetable Award Winner

Best described as a miniature eggplant, 'Hansel' is a smaller sized plant with finger-sized clusters of fruit. Just because of its smaller size, don't make the mistake of thinking it produces less fruit. The strong plant, reaching less than three feet, produces clusters of three to six fruit. They mature early, about 55 days from transplanting into warm soil. This is about 10 days earlier than the comparison eggplant. If the 3-inch fruit clusters are left on the plant, they grow in size, but remain tender and non-bitter unlike other eggplant. This trait offers gardeners flexibility in harvest such as when taking a much-needed vacation. The fruit will be waiting for you as long as it's not a three-week cruise. If you prefer to garden in containers, 'Hansel' is highly recommended for your shopping list. 'Hansel' adapts perfectly to container growing conditions. The diminutive plant fits on smaller patios or decks but provides high yields of shiny purple eggplants ready to marinate and grill. Bred by Seminis Vegetable Seed.

### **AAS® Winner Data**

**Genus species:** *Solanum melongena*

**Common Name:** Eggplant, Aubergine

**Unique qualities:** Miniature plant, clusters of tender sweet fruit with few seeds, early

**Fruit size:** 3 to 10 inches long

**Fruit shape:** Elongated

**Fruit color:** Glossy dark purple

**Plant type:** Compact upright

**Plant height:** 36 inches

**Plant width:** 30 inches

**Garden location:** Full sun

**Garden spacing:** 2 feet apart

**Length of time to harvest:** 55 days from transplant

**Closest comparisons on market:** 'Little Fingers,' 'Orient Express'

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