



Squash 'Honey Bear' F₁
AAS Vegetable Award Winner

'Honey Bear' acorn squash was bred to be baked and served in the half shell. The honey in 'Honey Bear' refers to the sweet squash flavor when cooked. In addition to flavor, there are three outstanding qualities: the compact plant, high yield, and tolerance to powdery mildew. The bushy, compact plant will reach 2 to 3 feet tall and spread 4 to 5 feet without vines. The dark green acorn squash weighs about a pound, which is a perfect size for sharing between two people. The plant produces 3 to 5 fruit per bush. The yield is high due to the powdery mildew tolerance. At the end of the season many acorn squash plants succumb to the mildew and fruit on the plant never matures. 'Honey Bear' continues to bear fruit throughout the growing season. From sowing seed in the garden until the harvest of the first squash will be about 100 days. 'Honey Bear' was bred at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

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Genus species: *Cucurbita pepo L.*

Common Name: Acorn squash

Unique qualities: Exceptional eating quality, powdery mildew tolerance

Fruit size: 1 pound

Fruit shape: Round to slightly oval with rounded blossom end and shallow ribbing

Fruit color: Dark green

Plant type: Bushy compact

Plant height: 2 to 3 feet

Plant width: 4 to 5 feet spread

Garden location: Full sun

Garden spacing: 2 feet by 6 feet

Length of time to harvest: 100 days from sowing seed

Closest comparisons on market: 'Table Ace,' 'Table Queen,' 'Autumn Delight'

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