



Eggplant 'Gretel' F₁
AAS Vegetable Award Winner

The earliest white eggplant perfectly describes 'Gretel.' Any gardener will agree, the earlier the better; since waiting for the best tasting, most nutritious food from our gardens is not easy. The glossy white mini-fruit are produced in clusters and can be harvested in 55 days depending upon growing conditions. Like all eggplants, 'Gretel' will grow rapidly under warm temperatures, over 55 degrees day and night temperature. The pure white fruit are sweet with tender skin even if they mature beyond the ideal fruit size of 3 to 4 inches. This trait means gardeners have a longer timeline to harvest fruit. 'Gretel' plants are relatively small, about 3 feet wide and tall. Since the plant is small it is adaptable to the popular trend of growing edibles in containers. It is recommended to use a rather large container about 16 inches deep. This AAS® Winner was bred by Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Oxnard, CA.

AAS® Winner Data

Genus species: *Solanum melongena*

Unique qualities: Earliest white eggplant, non-bitter fruit, tender skin, few seeds

Fruit size: Clustering, harvest when at least 3 inches long

Fruit color: Glossy white

Plant height: 3 feet

Plant type: Small compact plant adaptable to containers

Garden location: Full sun

Length of time to harvest: 55 days from transplant

Closest comparisons on market: 'Little Fingers,' 'Fairy Tale,' 'Snowy'

Common name: Eggplant, Aubergine

Fruit shape: Elongated teardrop

Plant width: 3 feet

Garden spacing: 2 feet apart

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