The earliest white eggplant perfectly describes ‘Gretel.’ Any gardener will agree, the earlier the better; since wait- ing 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 con- tainer about 16 inches deep. This AAS® Winner was bred by Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Oxnard, CA.

AAS® Winner Data

**Genus species:** Solanum melongena

**Common name:** Eggplant, Aubergine

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

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

**Fruit shape:** Elongated teardrop

**Fruit color:** Glossy white

**Plant height:** 3 feet

**Plant width:** 3 feet

**Plant type:** Small compact plant adaptable to containers

**Garden location:** Full sun

**Garden spacing:** 2 feet apart

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

**Closest comparisons on market:** ‘Little Fingers,’ ‘Fairy Tale,’ ‘Snowy’