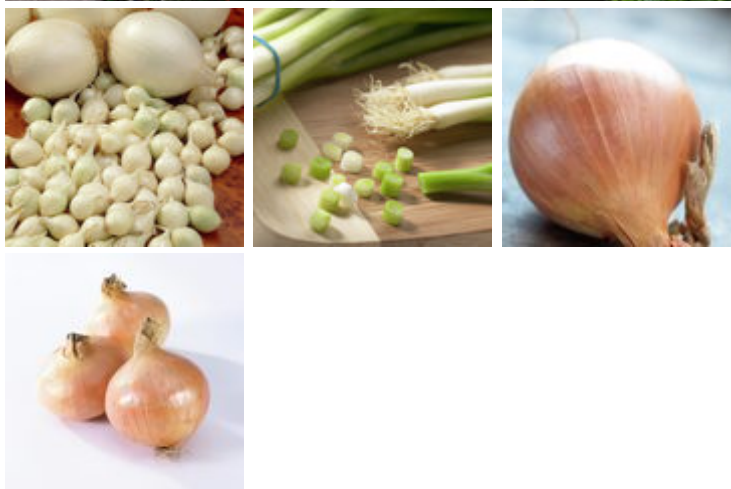


# Onion

*Allium cepa* Also known as: **bulb onion, Common onion**

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This description is for **Onion** (*Allium cepa*):

**You may often wonder why, the common onion makes you cry, the fact is onions truly hate you, When you chop them up for a tasty beef stew.**

*Allium cepa* or common onion is the most widely grown member of the allium family. The bulb of this plant, the onion, is used in cooking the world over. It has clusters of white flowers and blue green leaves that will wilt and die off, at this point the bulb will have grown and developed a dry outer layer. This is harvested and allowed to dry, ready for storage or immediate use. Onions are commonly eaten both cooked and raw. They contain irritant chemicals that can affect your eyes when you're cutting them. Evidence of onions being eaten as a food date back to 500BC. The ancient Egyptians worshiped the onion and were even buried with them.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<p><b>Known dangers?</b> no</p>	<p><b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline</p>	<p><b>Standard category</b> Vegetables &amp; herbs Vegetables</p>

Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Height [m]</b> 1.2	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z11	<b>Grown for</b> Culinary use
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.5	<b>Heat zone</b> H12-2	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved Simple food Fast growing Outdoor food
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Inconspicuous or absent	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> 4	<b>Garden type</b> Kitchen garden
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 1 - 210	<b>Gardening expertise</b> intermediate
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 1 to 2 years
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed offsets	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Growth habit</b> Clump-forming		