



## **Belstar Broccoli**

*Brassica oleracea var. italica 'Belstar'*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

### **Description:**

A beautiful, early maturing addition to any garden; green leaves make way for an initial light green broccoli crown followed by smaller, tender side shoots; sweet tender flavor make it great for simple sautéed broccoli as well as raw eating and freezing

### **Edible Qualities**

Belstar Broccoli is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces small light green florets with dark green overtones which are typically harvested when mature. The florets have a pleasant taste and a crunchy texture.

The florets are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

### **Planting & Growing**

Belstar Broccoli will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



*Belstar Broccoli fruit*  
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Belstar Broccoli is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.