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Mucho Nacho Hot Pepper *Capsicum annuum 'Mucho Nacho'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Jalapeno

Description:

Bigger and hotter than your traditional jalapeno, this variety has a vigorous habit that produces high yields all season long; 4" long fruit emerge green and matures to red; spicy and crunchy, great for pickling, stuffing and salsas; ideal for containers

Edible Qualities

Mucho Nacho Hot Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces green long peppers (which are technically 'berries') which can be harvested at any point. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a spicy taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Mucho Nacho Hot Pepper will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 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.



Mucho Nacho Hot Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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This plant is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Mucho Nacho Hot Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.