

Seed inventory & germination worksheet

1. Seed inventory

Garden / grower: _____ Season: _____

Keep packets and lots separate, even when the variety is the same.

Crop & variety	Lot / packet year	Received / saved	Seed left	Storage & next test

Before storing: keep the packet directions and lot identification. Store dry seed in a sealed container in a cool place. After cold storage, let the container warm to room temperature while still sealed before opening.

Notes / lots to test before planting:

2. Home germination test

Crop / variety: _____ Lot / year: _____

Start date: _____ Seeds tested: _____

Packet's expected germination period: _____

Temperature / light / pretreatment: _____

Use clean materials and a moist paper towel in a labeled bag or container. Follow the crop's temperature, light and pretreatment requirements. Keep moist without pooling water. A 10-seed sample is convenient; more seeds give a less coarse estimate. Allow the crop's full expected germination period before judging unsprouted seeds.

Count each germinated seed once. Record weak or abnormal development separately.

Check date / day	Newly germinated	Running total	Moisture / development notes

Result: _____ germinated ÷ _____ tested × 100 = _____ %

A small home test is a planning estimate, not seed-lot certification or a promise of outdoor establishment. With 10 seeds, one seed changes the result by 10 percentage points. Check the test conditions and repeat a doubtful result when enough seed remains.

Decision: use / retest / replace · planting date · reserve seed needed: