

Flower & Herb Seed Shelf Life

Sources differ on shelf life for flower species. Most of the information is from the Fedco catalog.

Seeds stored in less than ideal conditions will have shorter life spans.

1-yr	2-yr	3-yr		4-yr	5-yr
Anemone	Ageratum	Achillea	Marigold	Centaurea	Basil
Aster	Baby's breath	African daisy	Marjoram	Celosia	Borage
Begonia	Candytuft	Alyssum	Nicotiana	Lavatera	Carnation
Chives	Clarkia	Amaranth	Pansy	Morning glory	Catnip
Coneflower	Columbine	Anise	Petunia	Nasturtium	Chrysanthemum
Coreopsis	Coreopsis	Bachelor Button	Poppy	Sweet alyssum	Cilantro
Delphinium	Cyclamen	Calendula	Sage		Hollyhock
Larkspur	Dahlia	Campanula	Savory		Lavendar
Nigella	Dusty miller	Caraway	Scabiosa		Lemon Balm
Pansy	Four o'clock	Cosmos	Shasta daisy		Nasturtium
Phlox	Foxglove	Dianthus	Snapdragon		Oregano
Salvia	Gaillardia	Didiscus	Stock		Stock
Vinca	Impatiens	Dill	Sweet pea		Zinnia
Viola	Lisanthus	Dusty Miller	Sunflower		
	Lupin	Fennel	Thyme		
	Marigold	Hollyhock	Verbena		
	Nicotiana	Lobelia			
	Penstemon				
	Petunia				
	Portulaca				
	Rue				
	Statice				
	Strawflower				
	Tithonia				

Vegetable Seed Shelf Life

These are approximate times for cool, dry home storage conditions. Beet, carrot, lettuce, squash, turnip, and watermelon seeds remain viable for an average of 5 or 6 years but under ideal conditions may exceed 10 years. Cucumber and endive seed viability can last 10 years or more.

1-yr	2-yr	3-yr	4-yr	5-yr	
Onion	Corn	Asparagus	Beet & Chard	Cabbage	Kohlrabi
Parsnip	Okra	Bean	Broccoli	Cauliflower	Muskmelon
	Leek	Carrot	Brussels sprouts	Celery	Rutabaga
	Parsley	Eggplant	Kale	Chinese cabbage	Squash
		Lettuce	Mustard	Collard	Turnip
		Pea	Pumpkin	Cucumber	Watermelon
		Pepper	Radish	Endive	
		Soybean	Squash—pepo & maxima		
		Spinach	Tomato		
		Squash—moschata			