

Fedco King Sieg Organic Leeks



Open-pollinated. Beth Rasgorshek of Canyon Bounty in Idaho crossed King Richard with Siegfried Frost leek to create a versatile stable cultivar that has some of the good attributes of both. Siegfried appears to have inherited the most from Siegfried. Its shanks are intermediate between the long King Richard and the short Siegfried, about 6" long but with a wonderful 3" thickness for a wide edible area. It also has some of Siegfried's delightful blue-green coloration and delayed maturity. Its growth pattern suggests it is a good candidate for overwintering.

Set 6–12" apart in trenches in well-dug beds with generous quantities of organic matter. Irrigate seedlings whenever the topsoil dries out. Early leeks have tall shanks above ground and should be harvested before severe frosts. Hardier leeks have broader, shorter shanks and will hold till November. Leeks brought into the root cellar will survive almost all winter if heeled into soil.