

# Johnny's Orion F1 Fennel



**Big and high-yielding; large, thick, rounded bulbs. Crisp and flavorful with a nice anise flavor. Due to its heavier bulbs, Orion has a higher yield potential than flatter, open-pollinated fennels. Bulb fennel or finocchio prefers fertile, well-drained soils, high in organic matter with a pH of 6.5-7.5. Adequate irrigation is needed to produce high yielding and flavorful crops. Whenever possible fennel should be planted to mature in shortening days with cooler temperatures, as high heat and long days encourage bolting.**

**Transplant outdoors in mid-spring to late summer 6" apart. Use care as disturbing the roots may cause bolting. Clip off any seed stalks that may form. Harvest when base thickens. Use sharp pruners to cut bulb free just above taproot. Cut off leaf petioles 1-2" above bulb to prepare for sale or storage.**