

Grow Guide

Puerto Rican Taro

Puerto Rican Taro performs well in normal vegetable garden conditions with full sun, good fertility and regular water. We plant on a 2'x2' spacing in 4' wide raised beds. We have found that deep planting yields best results, because corm tissue heaves up from the depth it is planted. Tissue above the ground seems more prone to becoming leaf petiole tissue instead of starchy corm tissue. We dig 6-8 inch holes and place the dormant cormels in the bottom of the hole with the shoot facing upwards.

The taro is ready to harvest when the top dies back entirely to ground. This senescent period begins towards the beginning of the fall season. Corms and cormels have a great shelf life indoors for eating or future planting. Plants can also be left in the ground to preserve planting material for the following spring planting time. Our best results in Central Florida have been planting in the last weeks of February or early March. Later plantings seem to have diminishing returns. The season of growth from planting to harvesting is roughly 7 months.

