



How to Read a Seed Packet

Introduction

- ▶ In this lesson, we will be learning about the information written on seed packets, and how to use this information to grow a variety of plants.
- ▶ As your teacher shows the slides, follow along and write down point form notes for each part of the packet.
- ▶ When we are finished writing down the notes, you will use this information to make your own seed packets!

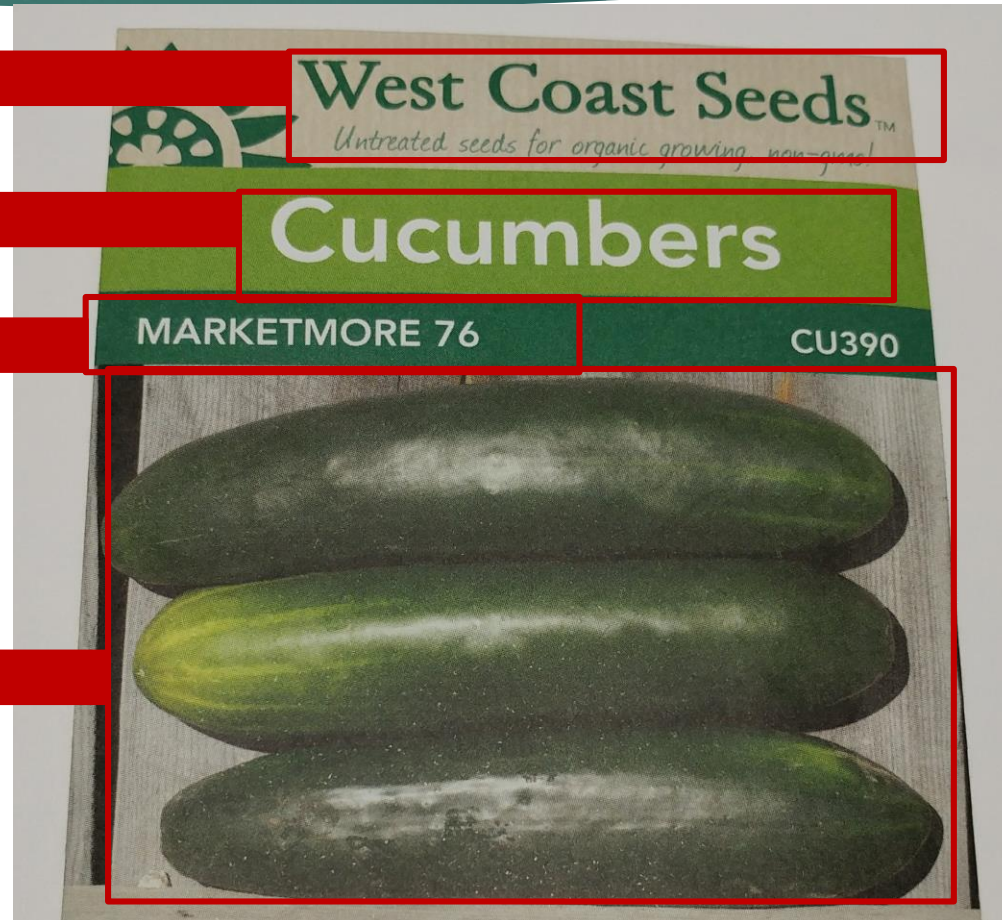
Front of Seed Packet

The front of the seed packet is where you will find information about what seeds are in the package and the plant they will grow into.



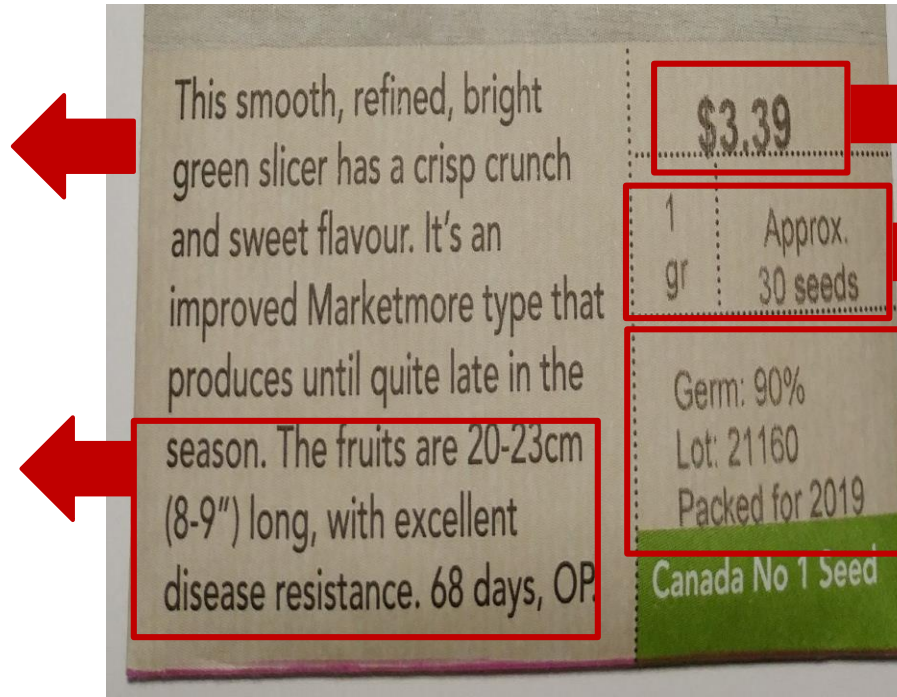
Top Front of Packet

- ▶ 1. This is the name of the seed company.
- ▶ 2. This is the type of plant.
- ▶ 3. This is the variety of plant.
- ▶ 4. This is a picture of what the plant will look like when it is ready to harvest.



Bottom Front of Packet

- ▶ 5. This is the description of the plant contained in the packet.
- ▶ 6. The number here indicates the number of days from sprout to harvest of the crop. OP means that this is an open pollinated plant



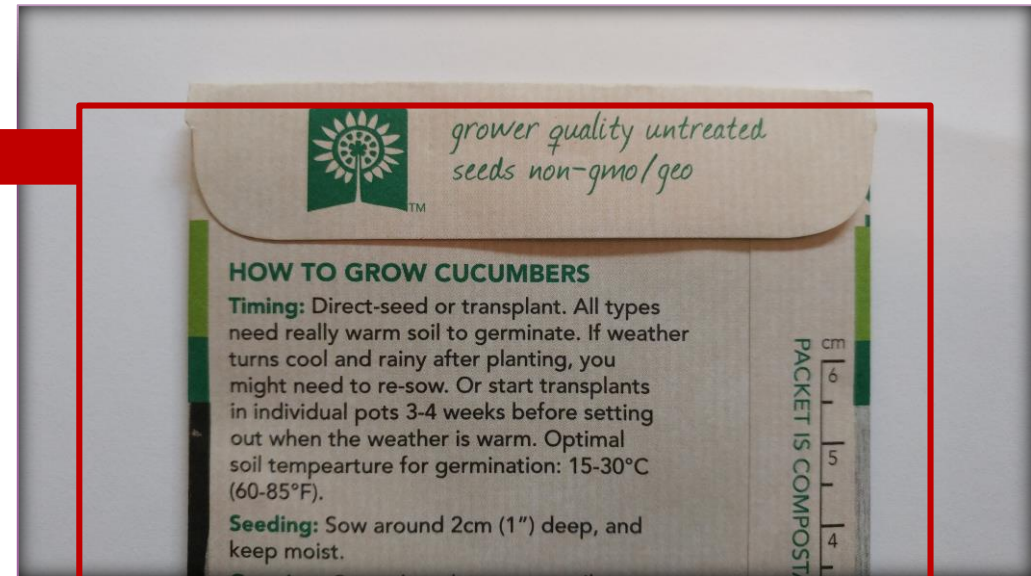
- ▶ 7. This is the price of the seed packet.
- ▶ 8. This is the weight of the seeds contained in the packet. This packet has 1 gram of cucumber seeds and equals approximately 30 seeds.
- ▶ 9. This stamp gives you the germination rate (how many seeds are estimated to grow), lot number of the seed packet, and the expiration date. Seeds do not really expire, but their germination rates will decrease as the seeds get older.

Back of Seed Packet

The back of the seed packet is where most of the information about your seeds is contained. There is a lot of important information listed here and should be followed for best growing results.



- 1. This section gives you detailed information about sowing the seeds including
 - Soil temperature
 - Timing to grow transplants
 - Depth to plant the seeds
 - Special requirements for germination.



keep moist.

Growing: Cucumbers love warm soil so use plastic mulch or a floating row cover to heat things up in the spring. Warm, well-drained soil is essential. Add dolomite lime and compost or well-rotted manure to the bed and ½ to 1 cup of balanced organic fertilizer mixed into the soil beneath each transplant.

Seed Specs: Canada No.1 germination rate: 80%. Usual seed life: 3 years.



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▶ 1. This area gives you helpful tips to successfully grow the plant.

▶ 2. This area is the address and help phone number for West Coast Seeds, along with the company's website address.