

Almond on Compost



Growing Almond Agaricus

The Basics

This mushroom can be grown on your backyard compost pile. To plant, transport the compost to a specially prepared garden bed that will receive some shade whilst fruiting (mid July–September). Beds that will be planted with tomato or cucurbit transplants (squash, pumpkins, melons) will provide plenty of shade come August. Do take care when selecting a crop to polyculture with the Almond, as this amount of topdress compost provides plenty of extra nitrogen. Lay down the compost over the bed to a depth of 4–6 inches and mix in the grain spawn. Lightly water through the growing season and start harvesting after spawn run is complete and the first cool night arrives. Mushrooms will grow in flushes until nighttime temperatures are consistently in the 40's (F) unless the beds are under cover. One 2lb. bag of grain spawn inoculates 25 lb. of fully decomposed compost; a 4 lb. bag of grain spawn inoculates about 50 lb. of compost.



Helpful Hints

- Almond grain spawn must NEVER be refrigerated!
- This mushroom loves warmth. Wait until daytime temperatures regularly climb up to 70°F before planting.
- Gardeners in the North that use plastic tunnels or greenhouses will enjoy an additional late season of Almond. Northern growers, if you plan on planting Almond in the summer, the earlier the better.
- Almond spawn is only available in spring and summer.



*More detailed instructions are included with every spawn or kit purchase!