PLANT FACT SHEET

Brassica oleracea var. gemmifera L.;Zenker

GENUS *Brassica* **FAMILY** Brassicaceae

COMMON NAMES Brussels sprouts

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Lateral buds, Side-buds, Vegetable, Leaves

The sprouts are cooked and eaten.
The leafy tops can also be eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A cabbage family plant. It has a single stem with small sprouts of compact leaves up the stem. It grows up to about 1 m high. The leaves are stalked and the edges are wavy. They are slightly lobed. The flowers are yellowish.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits the highlands in the tropics. Normally it needs to be above 800 m and in places with cool nights. It grows in the highlands up to 2600 m. It is frost tolerant. It grows in areas with temperatures between 14-26°C. It needs a pH between 6-6.9. It suits hardiness zones 8-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is normally grown from imported seed. Seedlings are transplanted after 5 or 6 weeks. The spacing needs to be about 60 cm x 60 cm.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The sprouts can be harvested about 4 months after transplanting.

NOTES

There are about 30 Brassica species and many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



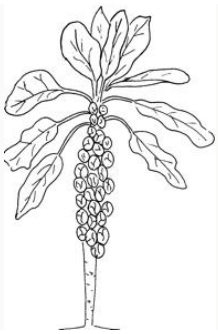
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