

Seed Viability

seed viability (grow), Seeds have a shelf-life as to how viable (**able to germinate and grow**) they are. In a nutshell, if a brand new seed has a 90% germination rate, that means 9 out of every 10 seeds sown should grow. Now, once that same seed is around three years old, the germination rate may drop to around 60%, meaning that you'll need to sow more of these older seeds to have a better chance of germination. Do a **germination test** for your results.

Please Note: The dates below are mere averages. With proper storage, some seeds may last much longer.

• VEGGIES •

Asparagus—3 years
 Beans—3 years
 Beet—4 years
 Broccoli—4 years
 Brussels Sprouts—4 years
 Cabbage—4 years
 Carrot—3 years
 Cauliflower—4 years
 Celery—3 years
 Chard, Swiss—4 years
 Corn, Sweet —2 years
 Cucumber—5 years
 Eggplant—4 years
 Endive—5 years
 Kale—4 years
 Leek—2 years
 Lettuce—4 years
 Melon—5 years
 Onion—1 year
 Parsnip—1 year
 Pea—3 years
 Pepper—3 years
 Pumpkin—4 years
 Radish—4 years
 Rutabaga—4 years
 Spinach—2 years
 Squash—4 years
 Tomato—5-10 years
 Turnip—4 years
 Watermelon—4 years

• HERBS •

Anise—5 years
 Basil—5-7 years
 Calendula—3 years
 Catnip—5 years
 Chamomile—3 years
 Chives—1 year
 Cilantro—5-7 years
 Dill—3 years
 Fennel—4 years
 Lavender—5 years
 Oregano—2 years
 Parsley—1 year
 Sage—3 years
 Savory—3 years
 Thyme—3 years

• FLOWERS •

Ageratum—4 years
 Alyssum—4 years
 Amaranth—4 years
 Aster—1 year
 Baby's Breath—2 years
 Bachelor's Button—3 years
 Calendula—5 years
 Celosia—4 years
 Clarkia—2 years

• FLOWERS continued •

Coleus—2 years
 Columbine—2 years
 Cosmos—3 years
 Dahlia—2 years
 Daisy—3 years
 Delphinium—1 year
 Dianthus—4 years
 Foxglove—2 years
 Geranium—1 year
 Hibiscus—3 years
 Hollyhock—3 years
 Impatiens—2 years
 Larkspur—1 year
 Lobelia—3 years
 Lupine—2 years
 Marigold—2 years
 Nasturtium—5 years
 Nicotiana—3 years
 Pansy—2 years
 Petunia—3 years
 Phlox—1 year
 Poppy—4 years
 Salvia—1 year
 Snapdragon—3 years
 Sweet Pea—3 years
 Verbena—1 year

Let's get sowing together! Visit [FINCHandFOLLY.com](https://finchandfolly.com) and learn how to do a germination test (you can find that article **here**), and read about **other factors**, like **pre-soaking** and **scarification**, that aid in successful germination.