

# Frequently Asked Vegetable Gardening Questions

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1) My tomatoes have a brown, dry spot on the bottom of the fruit. My know-it-all neighbor says eggshells will take care of it. What caused it and will eggshells help?



2) I found a big green caterpillar on my tomatoes covered with what looks like white eggs – what is it and what do I do?



3) I planted sweet peppers and they are hot. I planted hot habanero peppers next to them. My brother-in-law says cross pollination with the habanero cause them to be hot? Please tell me he's wrong.



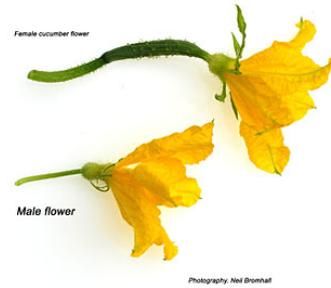
4) I planted my peas on June 15 and they did terrible. I pulled some up and they had what looked like tumors on the roots. Will a pesticide control those growths on the roots?



5) I love sweet corn and planted a single long row of it this year. The plants did great, but I got few ears and the ones I got were missing kernels. My neighbor says I need more nitrogen. True?



6) I have plenty of flowers on my zucchini squash but no fruit. Why?



7) I was told not to plant zucchini and pumpkins close together as they will cross pollinate and give me 'squampkins'? Is this true?



8) When I dug my potatoes, rather than being round and smooth they are knobby. What went wrong?



9) My summer squash are wilting. What's the problem?



10) Someone told me watering should only be done in the morning and never in the evening. Is that true?

