Turmeric

Curcuma longa



When to Plant: Spring, after first frost

When to Harvest: 8-10 months after planting

Uses in Medicine: Root used to make medicine involving pain and inflammation, hay fever, depression, hyperlipidemia, and itching

Uses in Cooking: Used as the main spice in curry

Fun Facts: The compounds responsible for its medicinal and health benefits are called curcuminoids; black pepper or fatty meals are used to aid in consumption