Why Grow Radishes?
- Radishes grow really fast! Most varieties will sprout in just a couple of days, and are ready to harvest and eat in less than a month.
- Because they sprout quickly, radishes are great for simple science experiments, like exploring germination rates and favorable conditions for growing.
- Classic red radishes are fun to harvest because the pop of color coming out of the soil is a surprise!
- Radishes can be eaten raw right in the garden! The only preparation needed is to wash the dirt off.
- Trying spicy radishes is a fun challenge for kids.
- Growing and trying radishes will make students more likely to eat them when they are served as part of a school meal.
- There are many varieties of radishes; some kinds—like “Easter Egg” and “White Icicle”—might surprise you!
- Radishes are the perfect back-to-school plant to grow in Georgia; they need cooler temperatures, so are great to grow once students get settled into their routines in September or October.

Why School Gardens?
- School gardens are wonderful outdoor classrooms and learning labs. Gardens provide a place for real-life experiments and scientific investigations, for recreating historical activities, for practicing math through tangible problems, and for observing and writing about almost any subject.
- Learning in a garden is experiential. It gives students a chance to apply what they’ve learned in the classroom to actual situations. Learning this way helps concepts stick and requires students to adapt and innovate to real-life challenges.
- Experiences in a garden, combined with nutrition education, are an effective way to change children’s attitudes about eating healthy food.
- Gardens can be any shape and size according to what fits your school. Even growing a few things in pots on a windowsill can be a school garden.
- Students benefit from spending time outside, in a natural environment. Learning outdoors helps students understand the world around them and how people and the environment interact.

For more information, visit georgiaorganics.org/for-schools/grow-radish-grow.
For questions, contact us at 678-702-0400 or emily@georgiaorganics.org.
I want Grow Radish Grow at my school! How do I participate?

1.) Sign up!
We’ll send you resources electronically to help you plan for and implement your Grow Radish Grow activities. Sign up before September 14 and we’ll mail you a packet of Cherry Belle Radish seeds and a Georgia Planting and Harvest Calendar for school gardens. (Limit one per school.)

2.) Plan your school’s Grow Radish Grow activities.
• Form a leadership team of Radish Wranglers to help plan activities.
• Decide what activities you want to do. Do you only want grow radishes? Or grow a whole salad? Grow radishes in different conditions and see which ones grow best? Host a radish taste test? Grow and taste different varieties of radishes? The possibilities are endless!
• Connect with cafeteria staff to see about serving radishes as part of a school meal in conjunction with your school garden activities.
• Set a date and location.

3.) Plant radish seeds and watch them grow!

4.) Let students harvest and taste their radishes.

5.) Tell us about your Grow Radish Grow activities! We’ll send out a short survey in early November asking what you did and what the students thought.

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