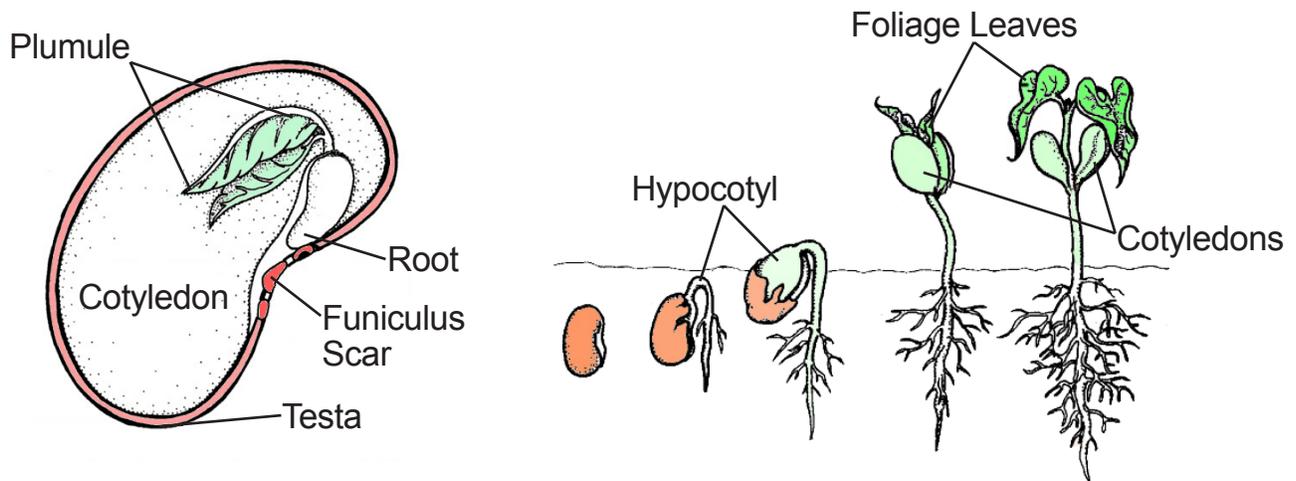




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## Dry Beans



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## How Do Dry Beans Grow?

Dry beans are warm-weather crops that are usually planted in spring or early summer and harvested in fall. They are sensitive to cold temperatures and should be planted after any danger of frost. Most seed varieties tend to crack and germinate poorly if the soil's moisture content is too high. The soil needs to drain well. Water beans after planting or plant right before a heavy rain.

<b>Climate/Growing Temperature</b>	Above 50 degrees F
<b>Soil (pH level)</b>	Range of 6.0-6.8
<b>Planting</b>	Plant seeds 1-2 inches deep. Plant bush beans 2-4 inches apart, pole beans 4-6 inches apart.
<b>Irrigation</b>	One inch of water per week. Water plants early in the morning to allow time to dry and reduce the risk of disease.
<b>Harvesting</b>	Harvest when some pods are brown and a majority of pods are yellow. A mature bean is hard. Pick beans just before seeds are mature to help new flowers grow and beans to form.

For more information, visit:

[www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/ho-175.pdf](http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/ho-175.pdf)

<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/veggies/beans1.html>

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