

Plant register

Give the plant a number before the season becomes busy. Keep source lots distinct from positions.

Plant ID	Source lot	Variety or family	Position	Sown	Transplanted

Cross log

Seed parent first, pollen parent second. Record another pollen application in the same attempt's notes.

Cross ID	Recipient plant	Donor plant	Prepared	Pollinated	Outcome / uncertainty

Observations

Define the observation before comparing plants. Ten fruits from one plant are not ten independent plants.

Plant ID	Date	Observation	Value / unit	Conditions	Notes

Seed inventory

Use the generation that will grow from the packet. Keep any uncertainty in parentage or handling with the lot.

Lot ID	Source plant	Generation to grow	Harvested	Quantity / storage	Germination test

Decisions

Write why you made the choice. Keep some earlier seed in reserve when possible.

Plant or family	Keep / reserve / stop	Reason	Next action	Next season's spaces