Jicama

JA1-25 - Jicama Seeds

150 days. Pacchyrhizus erosus. Open
Pollinated. Jicama. The plant produces tall
climbing vines and a white turnip-shaped
root that tastes like water chestnuts. The
large tuberous roots can be eaten raw or
cooked and are used as a source of starch.
The Jicama plant is a vine that grows to a
length of 20 feet or more. The roots are light
brown in color and may weigh up to 50
pounds. Most of those on the market will
weigh between 3 to 5 pounds. Only one root forms per plant. Store in a
cool dry place after harvest. Also known as the Mexican potato and
Yam Bean. An excellent choice for home gardens, farmer's markets,
and market growers. A variety from Dzan, Yucatan, Mexico. United
States Department of Agriculture, PI 438902.

Note: The seeds, pods, stems, flowers, and leaves are poisonous! Only use the tasty roots.