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Vegetable Varieties for Commercial Growers

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This is only a partial listing of satisfactory varieties and seed sources. Many other excellent varieties are available from these and other seed companies. Number in parentheses after variety refers to days to harvest. Number(s) in brackets refer to Seed Sources Table, p. 4.

ASPARAGUS

Jersey Giant — All male hybrid developed in New Jersey

Viking KB3 — (14) Best selection of Washington strains

LIMA BEANS

Early Thorogreen — (68) [5,6,8,11,13] Small seeded, bush

Fordhook 242 — (75) [1,3,4,5,7,8,11,13,14] Large seeded, bush

SNAP BEANS

Astro — (52) [6] Round pod, white seeds, concentrated set

Bush Blue Lake 47 — (57) [6] Round pod, white seeds, concentrated set

Bush Blue Lake 274 — [1,3,5,6,7,8,9,11]

Provider — (50) [1,3,9,14] Round pod, purple seeds

Spartan Arrow — (51) [1,3,9,14] Oval pod, buff seeds, semi-concentrated set

Tendercrop — (55) [3,7,9,11] Round pod, white seeds, large plant

WAX BEANS

Goldrush — (54) [6] Round, yellow pods, white seeds

Cherokee — (52) [3,6,9,13,14] Oval, yellow pods, black seeds

Sungold — (56) [3,9,14] Round, yellow pods, white seeds

RED BEETS

Crosby Green Top — (60) [8,9] Good for bunching

Detroit Dark Red — (66) [1,3,4,5,7,8,9,11,13] Good for processing or local sales

Ruby Queen — (60) [1,3,5,8,9,11,13,14] Good for processing or marketing

BROCCOLI (Seeded)

Emperor — (75) [1,3,13] Good yields; for fall harvest

Goliath — (70) [3,14] Solid, smooth heads on tall stalk

Green Comet — (75) [1,3,7,9,11,13] Good color, uniform, fairly solid heads; very short stalk, for local sales

Green Hornet — (70) [14] Early, attractive heads; for spring planting

Green Valiant — (80) [1,3,13] Late; solid, light-green heads

Packman — (70) [1,3,13] Early; solid, attractive head on tall stalk

Southern Comet — (75) [1,3,4,11,13] Fairly solid, smooth heads

BRUSSELS SPROUTS (Transplanted)

Green Marvel — (120) Short, compact plants

Lunet — (130) [1,3] Taller, later

Prince Marvel — (110) [1,3,4,9] Short, compact plants

CABBAGE (Fresh market; transplanted)

Bravo — (85) [9]

Hancock — (80) [1] Black rot resistant

Gourmet — (75) [1,3,8,13,14]

Market Prize — (76) [9]

Rio Verde — (85) [1,3,4,9,13]

Superette — (70) [1,14]

CABBAGE (Processing)

King Cole — (8) [1,3,8,11,14]

Roundup — (80) [3,8,11,13]

Sanibel — (85) [1,3,9]

Titanic — (85) [1,8,11,13]

CABBAGE (Red)

Red Danish — (100) [9,13,14]

Red Head — (87) [1,3,4,9,14]

Ruby Ball — (72) [1,3,7,9]

CABBAGE (Chinese; seeded)

Jade Pagoda — (80) [1,3,4,9,14] Medium-tall type

CARROTS (Fresh market)

Chancellor — (medium) [3,6]

Debut — (medium) [6]

Fanci Pak — (medium) [1,3,13]

Grenadier — (early) [9]

Paramount — (early) [3,6]

Six Pak — (medium) [9]

Spartan Delite 80 — (medium) [6,13]

Spartan Fancy 80 — (medium) [3,6,13]

Trophy — (early) [9]

CARROT (Processing)

Spartan Bonus 80 (110) [3,6,13] Danvers type

CAULIFLOWER (Transplanted)

Imperial 10-6 — (80) [9] Midseason, excellent quality

Snowcrown — (60) [1,3,4,9,13,14] Medium early; attractive, light heads

Snow King 65 (55) [3] Very early; attractive, light heads

Self-Blanche — (95) [1,3,4,7,9,11,13,14] Very late; very solid, large, white heads

White Fox — (75) [1,12,13,14] Midseason; compact plants; needs extra care when growing

White Rock — (80) [1,3,12] Similar to White Fox

White Top — (90) [1,12] Late; large, solid, white heads

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CELERY (Transplanted)

Deacon — (85) [3,9] Resistant to Fusarium yellows race 2

Florida 683 — (85) [1,3,5,8,9,13,14] Standard Michigan celery

Green Giant — (80) [1,3] Early, large, vigorous plants

52-70HK — (85) [3,5,13] Similar to F683, but resistant to Fusarium yellows race 2

52-70R — (85) [1,3,8,9,13,14] Standard celery

SWEET CORN (Yellow)

Apache — (82) [6]

Aztec — (68) [3,6,11,14]

Cherokee — (79) [6]

Comanche — (72) [14]

Earlivee — (63) [3,11,14]

Gold Cup — (80) [9]

Gold Winner — (79) [9]

Jubilee — (84) [1,3,7,9,11,13,14]

Merit — (84) [3,6,11,13,14]

Northern Belle — (74) [9]

Spring Gold — (67) [9]

Sundance — (69) [9,14]

SWEET CORN (White)

Comet — (80) [6]

Quicksilver — (75) [9]

Silver Queen — (94) [1,3,4,7,9,11,13]

SWEET CORN (Bicolor)

Harmony — (73) [9]

Sprite — (68) [9]

Sweet Sal — (86) [9]

Sweet Sue — (88) [9]

SWEET CORN (High sugar)

Candybar — (77) [8] Supersweet

Early Xtra Sweet — (75) [1,3,5,7] Supersweet

Florida Staysweet — (87) [1,3,] Supersweet

CUCUMBERS (Pickling)

Calypso — [1,3,6,8,13]

Earlipik 14 — [3]

Premier — [6]

Regal — [9]

Reliance — [3]

Score — [3,6]

Tamor — [6]

Triple Crown — [3,8]

Castlepik — [2]

CUCUMBERS (Slicing)

Marketmore 76; 80 — (68) [1,3,4,5,6,8,9,11,14] Main season; excellent quality

Pacer — (65) [9] Early main season; similar to Marketmore

Raider — (62) [9] Early hybrid

Slicemaster — (62) [3,7,9,13] Early gynococious hybrid

Sprint 440N — (60) [3,6,14] Early gynococious hybrid

EGGPLANT

Black Magic — (73) [9]

Burpee Hybrid — (70) [7]

Classic — (76) [9]

Dusky — (69) [1,3,7,9,11,13,14]

KALE

Vates (dwarf blue curled) — (55) [1,4,5,7,8,9,11,13] Dark green, very curled

LETTUCE (Head)

Green Lake — (85) [1,3,5,9,11,13] Medium heads; root rot resistant

Ithaca — (83) [1,3,4,6,8,9,11,13,14] Standard Michigan lettuce; large heads

Montello — (85) [1,3,6,8,9,13] Medium heads; root rot resistant

Raleigh — (83) [3] For trial; large, solid heads, cover good

South Bay — (83) [3] For trial; stands heat well

LETTUCE (Leaf)

Grand Rapids — (45) [1,3,4,5,6,7,9,13,14]

Waldmanns Green — (45) [3,6,9,13,14]

LETTUCE (Butterhead)

Bibb — (58) [5,7,8,9] For harvest before July 1 and after September 1

Buttercrunch — (64) [1,3,5,6,7,9,11,14] Larger than Summer Bibb; for all season

Dark Green Boston — (68) [1,3,4,5,8,9,13,14] For spring and fall crops

Summer Bibb — (62) [1,3,5,9,13] Slow bolting; for harvest June through August

MUSKMELON

Burpee Hybrid — (85) [1,3,7,11,13,14] Deep ribbed, heavy netted; good for local sales

Classic — (85) [1,3,4,13,14] Main season; similar to Burpee hybrid

Earlisweet — (75) [1,3,14] Early; small fruit with slight ribbing

Early Dawn — (82) [9] Early, large, lightly netted fruit; fair eating quality

Gold Star — (85) [9] Main season; similar to Burpee hybrid

Saticoy — (90) [1,4,9,11,13,14] Late; shallow ribs and light netting; good shipper

Summet — (85) [3,6,14] Main season

Superstar — (86) [9] Large, main season

OKRA (Transplants)

Annie Oakley — (45) [1,3,] Compact plants, large yields

Clemson Spineless 80 — (50) [1,2,3,5,7,8] Improved Clemson Spineless

Dixie Spineless — (50) [4] Similar to Clemson Spineless

Lee — (50) [3] Attractive pods, fair yields

Jefferson — (50) Similar to Lee

ONIONS (Yellow)

Bronze Reserve — (110) [1,8] Early, resistant to Fusarium bulb rot, medium size

Capable — (110) [3,5] Large, early, good yields, good storage

Eskimo — (110) [3] Early, large, double centers; not for storage

Krummrey — (130) [10] Late, large, good yield, good storage

Norstar — (105) [3,14] Early, large, round; double centers; not for storage

Progress — (110) [9] Early; not for storage

Sentinel — (120) [9] Good storage onion

Spartan Banner 80 — (120) [1,3,4,6,13] Good yields; good storage

ONIONS (Red)

Benny's Red — (120) [1,3,9] Large, soft; not for long-term storage

Ruby — (110) [3,6,13] Large, soft; not for long-term storage

ONIONS (Sweet)

Golden Cascade — (130) [3,5,] Large, fair storage

Golden Treasure — (130) [3] Large, fair storage

Sweet Sandwich — (125) [1,4,6,13] Medium large, good storage

Yula — (125) [6] Large, fair storage

ONIONS (Green bunching)

Japanese Bunching — (60) [1,9,13] Nonbulbing
 Tokyo Long White — (60) [3,5,9,14] Nonbulbing
 White Spear — (60) [3,8,13] Nonbulbing

PEAS (Green)

Bolero — (69) [6]
 Freezonian — (62) [4,7,9,11]
 Greater Progress — (62) [6,7,9,11]
 Knight — (62) [1,9,13]
 Sugar Ann — (60) [1,3,14] Edible pods
 Sugar Snap — (70) [3,4,5,7,9,11,13,14] Edible pods
 Venus — (62) [6]

PEAS (Southern)

California Blackeye -5 — (115) [8,13] Blackeye
 Colossus — (110) [5] Crowder
 Hercules — (125) Crowder
 Mississippi Silver — (100) [8] Crowder
 Pinkey purplehull — (100) [8] Purplehull
 Speckled purplehull — (100) Purplehull

PEPPERS (Green bell)

Bell Boy — (75) [1,3,11,13,14]
 Big Belle — (78) [3,8]
 Hybelle — (76) [9]
 Keystone Resistant Giant — (80) [1,4,5,6,8,9,13,14]
 Lady Bell — (72) [9]
 Staddons Select — (72) [4,9,11,14]
 Sweet Bell — (75) [3,8]
 Yolo Wonder B — (80) [1,5,8,9,11]
 Yolo Wonder L — (78) [1,5,7,8,13]

PEPPERS (Processing)

Gold Spike — (70) [3]
 Hungarian Yellow Wax — (70) [3,4,5,6,7,8,11,13,14]
 Jalapeno — (75) [1,3,5,6,7,8,9,13,14]
 Red Cherry (Hot) — (80) [1,4,5,7,12,13,14]
 Red Cherry (Sweet) — (80) [1,5,7,9]
 Rumanian Wax — (70) [9,13,14]
 Sweet banana — (72) [1,3,5,7,9,14]

PUMPKIN (Small)

Small Sugar — (115) [1,5,7,8,11,13,14]
 Spookie — (110) [3,4,9,13,14]

PUMPKIN (Medium)

Jack O'Lantern — (110) [1,3,5,7,8,11,13,14]
 Spirit — (110) [1,3,4,7,13,14]
 Youngs Beauty — (112) [9]

PUMPKIN (Large)

Atlantic Giant — (120) [14]
 Big Max — (120) [1,3,4,5,7,8,9,11,13]
 Connecticut Field — (115) [3,5,7,8,9,11,13,14]
 Howden — (115) [3,9]
 Jackpot — (110) [9]

RADISH

Cherry Belle — (24) [1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,13,14] Excellent quality
 Fancy Red — (25) [9] Shows some tolerance to scab
 Fancy Red Short Top — (25) [9] Shows some tolerance to scab
 Red King — (25) [9] Resistant to clubroot
 Saxafire — (24) [3,14] Resistant to clubroot

RUTABAGA

Laurentian — (90) [1,3,4,5,8,9,13,14]

RHUBARB

Canada Red — Red, few seed stalks
 MacDonald — [7] Pink, medium seed stalks
 Valentine — [7] Red, few seed stalks
 Victoria — Green, many seed stalks

SPINACH

Dark Green Bloomsdale — (43) [3,9,13] Savoy; for spring crop
 Long Standing Bloomsdale — (48) [5,7,8,13,14] Savoy; stands fairly well in heat
 Melody — (43) [1,3,4,7,9,13,14] Semi-savoy; for spring or fall crop
 Winter Bloomsdale — (45) [1,3,4,7,9,11,13] Savoy; for fall crop

SQUASH (Summer)

Elite — (48) [9] Zucchini type, dark green
 Select — (47) [14] Zucchini type; dark green
 Senator — (45) [6,11] Zucchini type; dark green
 Lemondrop L — (45) [3,6] Yellow straightneck
 Gold Rush — (52) [1,4,7,11,13,14] Yellow straightneck
 Seneca Butterbar — (51) [1,7] Yellow straightneck
 Sundance — (52) [1,11,13,14] Yellow crookneck
 Yellow Crookneck — (55) [5,7,8,13] Yellow crookneck

SQUASH (Winter)

Table Ace — (78) [1,3,4,7,9,13,14] Acorn; semi-bush type
 Table Queen — (90) [3,4,5,7,9,11,13,14] Acorn; vine type
 Burgess Strain — (100) [1,3,4,8,9,13] Buttercup
 Hercules — (100) [3,5,11] Butternut
 Ponca — (85) [1,3,9,11,13] Butternut, early
 Waltham — (100) [1,3,4,5,7,8,9,11,14] Butternut
 NK580 — (110) [3,13] Processing

TOMATOES (Fresh market)

Castlehy 101 — (72) [2] Small, determinate plants
 Castlehy 105 — (80) [2] Large, indeterminate vines; good for staking
 Castlehy 1035 — (85) [1,2] Jointless; medium-size, determinate plant, large fruit
 Castlehy 1065 — (80) [2] Determinate plants, large fruit
 Count II — (80) [1,3] Jointless; large, firm fruit; medium-size, determinate plants
 Duke — (75) [1,3,13] Jointless; small, determinate plants; large, solid fruit
 Floramerica — (80) [1,3,4,7,9,13,14] Main season; large fruit
 Jackpot — (75) [1,3,8,13] Small, determinate plants; very firm fruit
 Mountain Pride — (85) [1,3] For trial only
 Pik-Red — (75) [9] Small, determinate plants; firm, large fruit
 Sunny — (82) [6] Main season; medium-size, determinate plants; large fruit

TOMATOES (Processing)

Campbell 28 — [3]
 Campbell 37 — [3]
 Chico 3 — [3,8,9,11,13]
 FM 6203 — [2,8]
 Heinz 722 [2]
 Heinz 2653 [2]
 Ohio 7870 [2,3]
 Peto 95 [2,3]

WATERMELON

Crimson Sweet — (97) [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,13,14] Medium-size fruit
 Summer Festival — (88) [4,9] Medium to large fruit
 Sweet Baby — (86) [1,2,3,4,5,9,11] Small fruit

SEED SOURCES

1. Abbott & Cobb, Inc.
P.O. Box 307
Feasterville, PA 19047
215-245-6666
2. ADI Distributors, Inc.
P.O. Box 643
Carmel, IN 46032
317-844-8221
3. Agri-Seed & Chemical Corp.
850 Dryden Road
Metamora, MI 48455
800-482-4979 (Michigan)
800-521-4901 (Other states)
4. Agway, Inc.
Route 4, Zeager Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
717-367-1075
5. Arco Seeds
P.O. Box 181
El Centro, CA 92244
6. Asgrow Seed Co.
P.O. Box 8
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
800-233-1056
7. Burpee Seed Co.
300 Park Avenue
Warminster, PA 18974
800-523-5389
8. Ferry-Morse Seed Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 431
Orchard Park, NY 14127
716-662-9301
9. Harris-Moran Seed Co.
3670 Buffalo Road
Rochester, NY 14624
716-594-9411
616-665-7876 (W. Michigan)
313-383-5773 (E. Michigan)
10. Krummrey Farms
13900 M-106, Box 137
Stockbridge, MI 49285
517-851-7550
11. Seedway, Inc.
Hall, NY 14463
716-526-6391
12. SG Seeds
124 Griffin Street
Salinas, CA 93901
408-758-4644
13. Siegers Seed Co.
7245 Imlay City Road
Imlay City, MI 48444
313-724-3155
14. Stokes Seeds, Inc.
737 Main Street, Box 548
Buffalo, NY 14240
416-685-4255

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