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Commercial Vegetable Recommendations

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. Numbers in bold after varieties refer to days to harvest. Numbers in [brackets] refer to Seed Sources Table, p. 8.

	Days to Harvest	Source	Comments
Asparagus			
Jersey Centennial		[10]	Hybrid 50% male
Jersey Giant		[10]	All male hybrid
Viking KB3		[16]	Open pollinated
Lima beans			
Early Thorogreen	(68)	[11,14,17]	Small seeded, bush
Fordhook 242	(75)	[1,3,5,6,7,8,11,14,15,16,17]	Large seeded, bush
Snap beans			
Bush Blue Lake 47	(57)	[4]	Processing, local sales
Bush Blue Lake 274	(60)	[1,3,5,6,7,8,14,15,17]	
Eagle	(57)	[4]	Processing, local sales
Labrador	(56)	[4]	Processing, local sales
Podsquad	(53)	[4,16]	Shipping

	Days to Harvest	Source	Comments
Provider	(50)	[1,3,4,6,7,8,11,15,16,17]	Local sales
Spartan Arrow	(51)	[1,6,8,11,15,17]	Local sales
Strike	(52)	[16]	Shipping
Win	(55)	[4]	Processing, local sales
Wax beans			
Goldrush	(54)	[4]	
Cherokee	(52)	[4,6,11,16,17]	
Sungold	(56)	[6,8,11,16,17]	
Red beets			
Avenger	(55)	[8]	Fresh market or processing
Crosby Green Top	(60)	[8]	Bunching
Detroit Dark Red	(66)	[1,3,4,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,17]	Processing or local sales
Dwergina	(47)	[14]	Baby beets
Red Ace	(53)	[1,3,5,11,15,16]	Fresh market
Ruby Queen	(60)	[1,4,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15,16,17]	Fresh market or processing

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Broccoli (Seeded)			
Baccus	(65)	[4]	
Cruiser	(75)	[1,15,16]	
Embassy	(75)	[4]	
Goliath	(70)	[16]	
Packman	(70)	[1,6,11,13, 15,16]	
Premium Crop	(75)	[1,3,5,6,11,14, 15,16]	
Southern Comet	(75)	[1,3,8,15]	
Symphony	(70)	[4]	

Brussels sprouts (Transplanted)

Green Marvel	(120)		
Lunet	(130)	[1]	
Prince Marvel	(110)	[1,3,6,8,12,15,16]	

Cabbage (Fresh market; transplanted)

Bravo	(85)	[8]	
Conquest	(75)	[4]	
Gourmet	(75)	[1,6,7,15,16]	
Green Winter	(120)	[8]	<i>For storage</i>
Market Prize	(76)	[8]	
Rio Verde	(85)	[1,3,8,12,15]	
Superette	(70)	[1,6,7,15,16]	

Cabbage (Processing)

Hinova	(100)	[14]	
Krautpacker	(90)	[14]	
Roundup	(80)	[6,7,14,15,16]	
Sanibel	(85)	[11]	
Titanic 90	(85)	[6,7,14]	

Cabbage (Red)

Red Danish	(100)	[8,15,16]	
Red Head	(87)	[1,3,8,11,15, 16,17]	
Ruby Ball	(72)	[1,6,8,11]	

	Days to Harvest	Source	Comments
Cabbage (Chinese; seeded)			
Jade Pagoda	(80)	[1,3,6,8,15,16]	

Carrots (Fresh market)

Caro Pak	(mid)	[4]	
Chancellor	(mid)	[4]	
Fanci Pak	(mid)	[1,6,12,15]	
Grenadier	(early)	[8]	
Golden State	(mid)	[1,4,11,15]	
Paramount	(early)	[4]	
Six Pak	(mid)	[8]	
Six Pence	(mid)	[8]	
Spartan Fancy 80	(mid)	[1,4,15,16]	
Top Pak	(early)	[8]	

Carrot (Processing)

Danvers 126		[1,3,4,6,7,8,12, 13,14, 15,16,17]	
Spartan Bonus 80	(110)	[4]	

Cauliflower (Transplanted)

Andes	(80)	[15,16]	
Majestic	(55)	[1,15]	<i>Early</i>
Montano	(85)	[12]	
Snow Crown	(60)	[1,3,5,6,8,14, 15,16]	
Snow Pak	(90)	[1,13,15]	
Taipan	(78)	[16]	
White Cliff	(85)	[12]	
White Fox	(75)	[1,12,16]	
White Rock	(80)	[1,12,15,16]	
White Top	(90)	[1,12,16]	

Celery (Transplanted)

Deacon	(85)	[6,8]	<i>Fusarium Yellows Tolerance</i>
Florida 683	(85)	[1,4,6,7,8, 11,15,16,17]	

	Days to Harvest	Source	Comments
Green Giant	(80)	[1]	
Ventura	(80)	[6,7,8, 15,16]	
Utah 52-70HK	(85)	[6,8,11,17]	<i>Fusarium Yellows Tolerance</i>
Utah 52-70R Imp.	(85)	[1,4,5,6,7,8,11, 15,17]	

Collard

Carolina	(70)	[15]	
Champion	(75)	[1,3,8,11,15,16]	
Vates	(75)	[1,3,4,5,6,7,8,11, 12,15, 16,17]	

Sweet corn (Yellow)

Aztec	(68)	[4,14,16]	
Classic	(80)	[4]	
Comanche	(72)	[4]	
Earlivee	(63)	[6,14,16]	
Gold Cup	(80)	[8]	
Gold Winner	(79)	[8]	
Jubilee	(84)	[1,8,14,15]	
Merit	(84)	[4,14]	
Northern Belle	(74)	[8]	
Spring Gold	(67)	[8]	
Sundance	(69)	[8]	

Sweet corn (White)

Quicksilver	(75)	[8]	
Silver Queen	(94)	[1,3,5,6,8,11,14, 15,16]	
Snowbelle	(78)	[4]	
Summer Sweet 8601	(86)	[1]	<i>sh2</i>

Sweet corn (Bicolor)

Calico Belle	(78)	[4]	
Dandy	(86)	[4]	
Harmony	(73)	[8]	
Spring Calico	(70)	[4]	
Sprite	(68)	[8]	
Sweet Sal	(86)	[8]	
Sweet Sue	(88)	[8]	

	Days to Harvest	Source	Comments
Sweet corn (High sugar)			
Early Xtra Sweet	(75)	[5,15]	<i>sh2</i>
Florida Staysweet	(87)	[1,15]	<i>sh2</i>
Sweet Belle	(84)	[4]	<i>sh2</i>
Yankee Belle	(70)	[4]	<i>sh2</i>

Cucumbers (Pickling)

Calypso		[1,2,4,7,8,11,12, 13,15,16]	
Fancipak		[4]	
Pik Master		[6,12,14]	
Pik Rite		[7,16]	
Regal		[8]	
Reliance		[12]	
Triple Crown		[7]	

Cucumbers (Slicing)

Dasher II	(58)	[1,13,15,16]	
Encore	(55)	[7]	
Marketmore 76; 80	(68)	[2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 11,12,13,14,15, 16,17]	
Raider	(62)	[8]	
Slicemaster	(62)	[1,8,13,14,15]	

Eggplant

Black Magic	(73)	[8]	
Burpee Hybrid	(70)	[5]	
Classic	(76)	[8]	
Dusky	(69)	[1,5,8,11,13,14, 15,16]	

Endive

Salad King	(92)	[1,3,4,6,8,11,13, 15,16,17]	
Green Curled	(90)	[1,5,8,13,16,17]	

Escarole

Broad Batavian	(85)	[5,8,11,13]	
Florida Deep Heart	(90)	[1,6,8,15]	

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Kale

Vates (Dwarf blue curled)	(55)	[1,3,4,5,6,8,11,14,15,17]	
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Kohlrabi

Early White Vienna	(60)	[4,5,6,8,11,12,14,15,16]	
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Grand Duke	(50)	[1,3,5,6,8,11,15,16]	
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Leek

Electra	(160)	[8]	
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Lettuce (Head)

Green Lake	(61)	[1,4,7,8,13,16,17]	
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Ithaca	(60)	[1,3,4,6,7,8,11,13,14,15,16]	
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Montello	(62)	[1,4,6,7,8,11,15,17]	
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Raleigh	(60)	[1,7,11,15,17]	
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South Bay	(61)	[1,7,8,16]	
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Lettuce (Leaf)

Grand Rapids	(45)	[1,3,4,5,6,7,8,11,13,15,16,17]	
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Slobolt	(45)	[1,8,15,16]	
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Waldmanns Green	(45)	[3,4,7,8,11,15,16,17]	
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Lettuce (Bibb and Butterhead)

Bibb	(58)	[7,11,17]	<i>For harvest before July 1, and after September 1</i>
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Buttercrunch	(64)	[1,3,5,6,8,11,13,14,15,16,17]	<i>all season</i>
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Dark Green Boston	(68)	[1,3,4,5,6,7,8,13,15,17]	<i>For spring and fall crops</i>
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Summer Bibb	(62)	[1,8,13,15,17]	<i>Slow bolting; for harvest June through August</i>
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Tania	(68)	[8]	
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Lettuce (Romaine)

Corsica	(65)	[1,15]	
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Parris Island	(65)	[1,3,4,7,8,11,13,14,15,16,17]	
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Valmaine	(70)	[1,4,7,8,15,16,17]	
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Muskmelon

Burpee Hybrid	(85)	[1,5,6,11,14,15,16]	
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Classic	(85)	[1,3,11,13,14,15]	
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Earli-Sweet	(75)	[1,13,16]	
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Gold Star	(85)	[8]	
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Saticoy	(90)	[1,3,6,8,13,14,15,16]	
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Summet	(85)	[4,16]	
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Superstar	(86)	[8]	
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Mustard

Green Wave	(45)	[1,3,4,8,14,15,16]	
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Tendergreen	(40)	[1,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,15,17]	
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Okra (Transplants)

Annie Oakley	(45)	[1,5,11,13,15]	
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Clemson Spineless 80	(50)	[1,2,5,7,15]	
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Dixie Spineless	(50)	[12]	
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Lee	(50)	[11]	
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Onions (Yellow)

Capable	(110)	[1,17]	
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Class Pak	(110)	[1,7]	<i>Resistant to pink root, Fusarium basal rot</i>
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Early Pak	(100)	[15]	
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Eskimo	(110)	[1,15,16]	<i>Early, not for storage</i>
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Krummrey Banner	(130)	[9]	<i>Resistant to pink root, Fusarium basal rot</i>
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	Days to Harvest	Source	Comments
Norstar	(105)	[1,3,8,15,16]	Early, not for storage
Progress	(110)	[8]	Early; not for storage
Rip Van Winkle	(120)	[6,7,15]	Resistant to <i>Fusarium basal rot</i>
Sentinel	(120)	[8]	
Spartan Banner 80	(120)	[1,3,4,8,13,15]	

Onions (Red)

Benny's Red	(120)	[1,8,15,16]	Large, soft; not for long-term storage
Ruby	(110)	[4]	Large, soft; not for long-term storage

Onions (Spanish type)

Golden Treasure	(130)	[1]	Large, fair storage
Sweetheart	(125)	[1,7]	Medium large, fair storage
Sweet Sandwich	(125)	[1,3,4,5,8,13,14,15,16]	Medium large, good storage
Valiant	(120)	[1,2,16]	Fair storage
Yellow Sweet Spanish	(130)	[1,4,5,6,7,8,11,13,17]	Not for storage

Onions (Green bunching)

Japanese Bunching	(60)	[1,8,15]	
Tokyo Long White	(60)	[8,15,16,17]	
White Spear	(60)	[1,6,7,15]	

Peas (Green)

Bolero	(69)	[4]	
Freezonian	(62)	[3,5,8,14]	
Greater Progress	(62)	[14]	
Knight	(62)	[1,8,11,15]	
Oregon Sugar Pod #2	(65)	[5,8,11,15,17]	Snow pea
Spring	(57)	[4]	
Sugar Ann	(60)	[1,6,8,11,15,16]	Edible pods

	Days to Harvest	Source	Comments
Sugar Snap	(70)	[1,3,5,6,8,11,14,15,16,17]	Edible pods
Venus	(62)	[4]	

Peas (Southern)

California Blackeye #5	(115)	[7,11,15]	Blackeye
Colossus	(110)	[17]	Crowder
Hercules	(125)	[]	Crowder
Mississippi Silver	(100)	[7,11,15]	Crowder
Pinkeye Purplehull	(100)	[6,7,11,15]	Purplehull

Peppers (Green bell)

Bell Boy	(75)	[1,5,11,13,14,15,16]	
Belle Star	(67)	[7]	
Big Belle	(78)	[7]	
Jupiter	(78)	[1,12,15]	
Keystone Resistant Giant	(80)	[1,3,4,6,7,8,13,15,17]	
Sweet Belle	(75)	[6,7]	
Yolo Wonder L	(78)	[1,2,4,7,8,13,15,17]	

Peppers (Processing)

Gold Spike	(70)	[1,13]	
Hungarian Yellow Wax	(70)	[1,3,4,5,6,7,8,11,13,14,16]	
Jalapeno	(75)	[4,5,6,11,16,17]	
Red Cherry (Hot)	(80)	[1,3,5,8,14,15,17]	
Red Cherry (Sweet)	(80)	[1,5]	
Rumanian Wax	(70)	[8]	
Sweet banana	(72)	[1,2,5,6,7,8,13,15]	

Pumpkin (Small)

Small Sugar	(115)	[1,4,5,11,14,15,16]	
Spookie	(110)	[3,8,16]	

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Pumpkin (Medium)

Spirit	(110)	[1,3,5,13,15,16]	
Trick or Treat	(110)	[1,11,13,15]	

Pumpkin (Large)

Connecticut Field	(115)	[1,4,6,7,8,11,12,14,15,16,17]	
Howden	(115)	[6,8]	
Jackpot	(110)	[8]	

Pumpkin (Very large)

Atlantic Giant	(120)	[16]	
Big Moon	(120)	[1,11,13,15]	
Big Max	(120)	[1,3,4,5,6,7,8,12,14,15]	

Radish

Fancy Red	(25)	[8]	<i>Some tolerance to scab</i>
Fancy Red Short Top	(25)	[8]	<i>Some tolerance to scab</i>
Red Devil and R.D.B.	(25)	[1,6,7,15]	
Red King	(25)	[8,9]	<i>Resistant to clubroot</i>
Red Prince	(25)	[1,4,6,12,15,17]	
Scarlet Knight	(24)	[8,12]	

Rutabaga

Laurentian	(90)	[1,3,4,6,7,8, 15,16]	
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Rhubarb

Canada Red			<i>Red</i>
MacDonald		[5]	<i>Pink</i>
Valentine		[5]	<i>Red</i>
Victoria		[5,11]	<i>Green</i>

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Spinach

Dark Green Bloomsdale	(43)	[8,15]	
Long Standing Bloomsdale	(48)	[5,6,7,11,15,16,17]	
Melody	(43)	[1,3,5,6,8,11,14,15,16]	
Winter Bloomsdale	(45)	[1,3,8,11,14,15]	

Squash (Summer)

Elite	(48)	[8]	<i>Zucchini type, dark green</i>
Select	(47)	[16]	<i>Zucchini type, dark green</i>
Senator	(45)	[4]	<i>Zucchini type, dark green</i>
Lemondrop L	(45)	[4]	<i>Yellow straightneck</i>
Gold Rush	(52)	[1,3,6,11,13,14,15,16]	<i>Yellow straightneck</i>
Dixie	(45)	[4]	<i>Yellow crookneck</i>
Multipik	(50)	[8]	<i>Yellow straightneck</i>
Sundance	(52)	[1,13,14,15,16]	<i>Yellow crookneck</i>
Superpik	(50)	[8]	<i>Yellow straightneck</i>
Yellow Crookneck	(55)	[17]	<i>Yellow crookneck</i>

Squash (Winter)

Table Ace	(78)	[1,3,6,8,11,13,15,16]	<i>Acorn; semi-bush type</i>
Table Queen	(90)	[3,4,5,6,8,11,12,14,16,17]	<i>Acorn; vine type</i>
Tay Belle	(70)	[4]	<i>Acorn; semi-bush type</i>
Burgess Strain	(100)	[1,3,6,8,11,12,14,15,16]	<i>Buttercup</i>
Hercules	(100)	[12,17]	<i>Butternut</i>
Ponca	(85)	[1,11,12,15]	<i>Butternut, early</i>

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Waltham	(100)	[1,3,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,14,15,16,17]	Butternut
NK 530	(110)	[1,12]	Processing
NK 580	(110)	[1,12,15]	Processing
NK 4000	(110)	[12]	Processing

Sweet potato

Centennial	[5]		
Carver			
Georgia Jet			
Jewel			
Regal			
Travis			

Tomatoes (Fresh market)

Market Pride	(82)	[8]	
Mountain Pride	(85)	[1,2,3,4,8,11,13,15,16]	
Pik-Red	(75)	[8]	
Pik Rite	(80)	[8]	
Sunny	(82)	[4]	

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Tomatoes (Processing)

FM 6203	[2,7]		Main-early, square-round
Heinz 722	[2]		Main, pear, jointless
Heinz 2653	[2]		Early, blocky, jointless
Ohio 7814	[2]		Early-main, ovate, jointless
Ohio 7870	[2]		Main-early, ovate

Turnips

Purple Top White Globe	(55)	[1,3,4,6,7,8,11,12,14,15,16,17]	
Seven Top	(40)	[4,6,7,8,11,15,17]	Greens only

Watermelon

Crimson Sweet	(97)	[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15,16,17]	
Jubilee	(95)	[1,4,6,7,8,11,13,15,17]	
Mirage	(85)	[4]	
Summer Festival	(88)	[3,8]	
Sweet Baby	(86)	[1,2,3,5,8,13]	

Seed Sources

1. Abbott & Cobb, Inc.

P.O. Box 307
Feasterville, PA 19047
215-245-6666
517-626-6020 (*Michigan*)

2. ADI Distributors, Inc.

P.O. Box 643
Carmel, IN 46032
317-844-8221

3. Agway, Inc.

Route 4, Zeager Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
717-367-1075

4. Asgrow Seed Co.

P.O. Box 8
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
800-233-1056

5. Burpee Seed Co.

300 Park Avenue
Warminster, PA 18974
800-523-5389

6. Erb Lumber

2850 S. Division
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
616-241-6645

7. Ferry-Morse Seed Co., Inc.

P.O. Box 431
Orchard Park, NY 14127
716-662-9301

8. Harris-Moran Seed Co.

3670 Buffalo Road
Rochester, NY 14624
716-594-9411
616-957-5021 (*W. Michigan*)
313-383-5773 (*E. Michigan*)

9. Krummrey Farms

13900 M-106, Box 137
Stockbridge, MI 49285
517-851-7550

10. Michigan Asparagus Research Committee

P. O. Box 30960
7373 W. Saginaw Hwy
Lansing, MI 48909
517-323-7000

11. J. Mollema & Sons, Inc.

5400 36th Street, S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
616-940-1441

12. Northrup King Co.

P. O. Box 1827
Gilroy, CA 95021

13. Petoseed Co., Inc.

P. O. Box 4206
Saticoy, CA 93004
805-647-1188

14. Seedway, Inc.

Hall, NY 14463
716-526-6391

15. Siegers Seed Co.

7245 Imlay City Road
Imlay City, MI 48444
313-724-3155

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737 Main Street, Box 548
Buffalo, NY 14240
416-685-4255

17. Sun Seeds

P. O. Box 1438
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408-636-9505



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