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**T**his is only a partial listing of satisfactory varieties and seed sources. Many other excellent varieties are available. Where days to harvest or season are not listed, there are only minor differences in maturity. Contact seed companies for catalogues to locate sources of these varieties. An asterisk (\*) indicates crops that are usually transplanted. Days to harvest are estimated from transplanting. All other crops are estimated from seeding.

	Days to Harvest	Comments
<b>Asparagus</b>		
Jersey Centennial		Hybrid, 50% male
Jersey Giant		All male hybrid
Viking KB3		Open-pollinated
<b>Bean, Lima</b>		
Early Thorogreen	68	Small-seeded, bush
Fordhook 242	75	Large-seeded, bush
<b>Bean, Snap</b>		
Bronco	53	
Bush Blue Lake 274	60	Processing, local sales
Eagle	57	Processing, local sales
Envy	55	Processing
Espada	58	Hand Pick
Gator Green	56	Fresh market
Labrador	56	Processing, local sales
Podsquad	53	Fresh market, shipping
Provider	50	Local sales

	Days to Harvest	Comments
Slenderette	55	Processing
Strike	52	Fresh market, shipping
Win	55	Processing, local sales
<b>Bean, Wax</b>		
Cherokee	52	
Eureka	56	
Goldmine	53	
Sungold	56	
<b>Beet, Red</b>		
Avenger	55	Fresh market
Crosby Green Top	60	Bunching
Detroit Dark Red	66	Processing or local sales
Dwergina	47	Baby beets
Red Ace	53	Fresh market
Ruby Queen	60	Fresh market or processing
Warrior	55	Processing, fresh market

	Days to Harvest	Comments
<b>Broccoli</b>		
Baccus	65	
Barbados	80	
Cruiser	75	
Embassy	75	
FM 63	75	
Packman	70	
Premium Crop	80	
Southern Comet	75	
Symphony	70	

### Brussels sprouts\*

Jade Cross E	110	
Prince Marvel	110	

### Cabbage, Fresh market\*

Blue Pak	83	
Bravo	85	
Conquest	75	
Gourmet	75	
Green Cup	75	
Little Rock	90	
Rio Verde	85	
Superette	70	
Super Elite	85	

### Cabbage, Processing\*

Hinova	100	
Krautpacker	90	
Roundup	80	
Titanic 90	85	

### Cabbage, Red\*

Cardinal	mid	
Red Head	main	
Ruby Ball	early	

	Days to Harvest	Comments
<b>Cabbage Chinese</b>		
Jade Pagoda	80	

### Carrot, Fresh market

Caro-Brite	late	
Caro-Choice	early	
Caro-Pride	mid	
Fanci Pak	mid	
Golden State	mid	
Paramount	early	
Six Pak	mid	
Six Pence	mid	
Top Pak	early	

### Carrot, Processing

Danvers 126	110	
Spartan Bonus 80	110	

### Cauliflower\*

Andes	80	
Majestic	55	
Montano	85	
Snowcone	90	
Snow Crown	60	
Snowround	90	
Taipan	78	
White Cliff	85	
White Rock	80	

### Celery\*

Deacon	85	<i>Moderate Fusarium Yellows Tolerance</i>
Florida 683	85	
Matador	80	<i>Good Fusarium Yellows Tolerance</i>
Picador	80	<i>Good Fusarium Yellows Tolerance</i>
Utah 52-70HK	85	<i>Moderate Fusarium Yellows Tolerance</i>
Utah 52-70R Imp.	85	
Ventura	80	

	Days to Harvest	Comments
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### Collard

Carolina	70	
Champion	75	
Vates	75	

### Sweet corn—su—Yellow *Standard sweet corn*

Bellringer	80	
Excellency	85	<i>Processing</i>
Rival	80	<i>Processing</i>
Seneca Horizon	64	
Shield Crest	85	<i>Processing</i>
Sundance	69	

### Sweet corn—su—Bicolor

Harmony	73	
Sprite	68	
Sweet Sal	80	
Sweet Sue	85	

### Sweet corn—su—White

Quicksilver	75	
Silver Queen	95	

### Sweet corn—se—Yellow *Sugary enhanced sweet corn*

Bodacious	80	
Champ	68	
Incredible	80	
Legend	73	
Miracle	78	
Sugar Ace	79	
Sweet Dawn	64	

### Sweet corn—se—Bicolor

Calico Belle	80	
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### Sweet corn—se—White

Alpine	80	
Silverado	80	
Viva	78	

	Days to Harvest	Comments
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### Sweet corn—sh2—Yellow *Shrunken 2, super sweet*

Challenger	76	
Landmark	75	
Sweet Belle	86	
Yankee Belle	80	
Zenith	81	

### Sweet corn—sh2—Bicolor

Candy Store	81	
Dazzle	80	
Diabolo	78	
Harlequin	82	
Honey 'N Pearl	84	

### Sweet corn—sh2—White

Even Sweeter	86	
Snow White	79	

### Cucumber, Pickling

Calypso	
Discover	
Fancipak	
Flurry	
Prime Pak	
Regal	
Reliance	
Royal	

### Cucumber, Slicing

Comet A	early
Dasher II	mid
General Lee	mid
Marketmore 76; 80	mid
Maximore 103	mid
Speedway	mid

	Days to Harvest	Comments
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### Eggplant\*

Black Bell	main	
Classic	mid	
Epic	mid	
Ghostbuster	mid	<i>white</i>
Ichiban	early	<i>oriental</i>
Littlefingers	early	<i>oriental</i>
Millionaire	mid	<i>oriental</i>
Regal	main	
White Knight	main	<i>white</i>

### Endive

Green Curled	90	
Salad King	92	

### Escarole

Broad Batavian	85	
Florida Deep Heart	90	

### Kale

Vates (Dwarf blue curled)	55	
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### Kohlrabi

Early White Vienna	60	
Grand Duke	50	

### Leek\*

Electra	main	
Kilima	main	
Selectra	main	

### Lettuce, Head

Green Lake	61	
Ithaca	60	
Montello	62	
Raleigh	60	
South Bay	61	

	Days to Harvest	Comments
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### Lettuce, Butterhead

Bibb	58	<i>For spring or fall crops</i>
Buttercrunch	64	<i>All season</i>
Dark Green Boston	68	<i>For spring and fall crops</i>
Esmeralda	70	
Mantilia	70	
Summer Bibb	62	<i>Slow bolting; for summer harvest</i>
Tania	68	

### Lettuce, Leaf

Enduro	55	
Grand Rapids	45	
New Red Fire	55	<i>red</i>
Red Head	55	<i>red</i>
Slobolt	45	
Tiara	50	
Waldmanns Green	45	

### Lettuce, Romaine

Green Towers	main	
Ideal	main	
Tall Guzmaine	main	

### Muskmelon\*

All Star	main	<i>Western type</i>
Classic	main	
Gold Star	main	
Primo	main	<i>Western type</i>
Rising Star	early	
Saticoy	late	
Starship	main	
Superstar	main	

### Mustard

Green Wave	45	
Tendergreen	40	

	Days to Harvest	Comments
<b>Okra*</b>		
Annie Oakley	60	
Clemson Spineless 80	70	
Dixie Spineless	70	

### Onion, Yellow

Hustler	90	
New York Early	90	
Norstar	90	
Capable	95	
Early Pak	95	
Guardian	95	
Prince	95	
Benchmark	100	
Bronze Reserve	100	
Paragon	100	
Class Pak	105	
Columbia	105	
Django	105	
Sassy Brassy	105	
Crusader	110	
Krummrey Banner	110	
Norseman	110	
Spartan Banner 80	110	
Superior	110	
Sweet Sandwich	110	
Voyager	110	

### Onion, Red

Benny's Red	120	
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### Onion, Spanish type\*

Cache	120	
Magnum	120	
Titan	120	
Vega	130	

	Days to Harvest	Comments
<b>Onion, Green bunching</b>		
Emerald Isle	60	
Japanese Bunching	60	
Tokyo Long White	60	
White Spear	60	

### Parsley

Forest Green	75	
Plain Italian	80	

### Parsnip

Andover	120	
Harris Model	120	

### Pea, Green

Bolero	69	
Knight	62	
Oregon Sugar Pod #2	65	<i>Snow pea</i>
Progress #9	60	
Spring	57	
Sugar Ann	60	<i>Edible pods</i>
Sugar Snap	70	<i>Edible pods</i>

### Pea, Southern

California Blackeye #5	115	<i>Blackeye</i>
Colossus	110	<i>Crowder</i>
Hercules	125	<i>Crowder</i>
Mississippi Silver	100	<i>Crowder</i>
Pinkeye Purplehull	100	<i>Purplehull</i>

### Pepper, Green bell\*

Bell Captain	mid	
Bell King	mid	<i>Green to red</i>
Camelot	mid	
Honey Belle	mid	<i>Green to yellow</i>
Jupiter	mid	
Keystone Res. Giant #3	late	

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### Pepper, Processing or specialty\*

Hungarian Yellow Wax	mid	
Jalapeno	main	
Key Largo	early	<i>Cubanelle type</i>
Red Cherry Hot	main	
Red Cherry Sweet	main	
Sweet banana	mid	

### Pumpkin (Small)

Small Sugar	115	
Spookie	110	

### Pumpkin (Medium)

Spirit	110	
Trick or Treat	110	

### Pumpkin (Large)

Connecticut Field	115	
Howden	115	

### Pumpkin (Very large)

Atlantic Giant	120	
Big Max	120	
Big Moon	120	

### Radish

Belle Glade	23	
Fancy Red	25	<i>Some tolerance to scab</i>
Fancy Red Short Top	25	<i>Some tolerance to scab</i>
Red Devil and R.D.B.	25	
Red King	25	<i>Resistant to clubroot</i>
Red Prince	25	

### Rutabaga

Laurentian	90	
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### Rhubarb

Canada Red		<i>Red</i>
MacDonald		<i>Pink</i>
Sutton		<i>Pink</i>
Valentine		<i>Red</i>

### Spinach

Avon	early	
Long Standing Bloomsdale	late	
Melody	main	
Tyee	mid	
Vienna	mid	

### Squash, Summer

Elite	48	<i>Zucchini type, dark green</i>
Goldfinger	45	<i>Yellow Zucchini</i>
Select	47	<i>Zucchini type, dark green</i>
Senator	45	<i>Zucchini type, dark green</i>
Lemondrop L	45	<i>Yellow straightneck</i>
Gold Rush	52	<i>Yellow straightneck</i>
Dixie	45	<i>Yellow crookneck</i>
Multipik	50	<i>Yellow straightneck</i>
Sundance	52	<i>Yellow crookneck</i>
Superpik	50	<i>Yellow straightneck</i>

### Squash, Winter

Table Ace	78	<i>Acorn; semi-bush type</i>
Tay Belle	70	<i>Acorn; semi-bush type</i>
Burgess Strain	100	<i>Buttercup</i>
Hercules	100	<i>Butternut</i>
Waltham	100	<i>Butternut</i>
NK 530	110	<i>Processing</i>
NK 580	110	<i>Processing</i>

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### Tomato, Fresh market\*

Market Pride	main	
Mountain Spring	main	
Paragon	main	
Pik Rite	main	
Sunrise	early	

### Tomato, Processing\*

FM 6203	main	<i>Square-round</i>
Heinz 722	main	<i>Pear, jointless</i>
Heinz 2653	early	<i>Blocky, jointless</i>
Hunt 229		
Hunt 535		
Ohio 7814	mid	<i>Ovate, jointless</i>
Ohio 7870	mid	<i>Ovate</i>
Ohio 8245		

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### Turnip

Purple Top White Globe	55	
Seven Top	40	<i>Greens only</i>

### Watermelon, with seeds\*

Huck Finn	main	
Oasis	early	
Paradise	early	
StarBrite	mid	
Sweet Baby	mid	

### Watermelon, seedless\*

Honeyheart	mid	<i>Yellow flesh</i>
King of Hearts	mid	
Nova	mid	
Tiffany	main	



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717-367-1075
- **Asgrow Seed Co.**  
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Vineland, NJ 08360  
800-234-1056
- **Erb Lumber**  
2850 S. Division  
Grand Rapids, MI 49508  
616-241-6645
- **Ferry-Morse Seed Co., Inc.**  
P.O. Box 431  
Orchard Park, NY 14127  
716-662-9301
- **Harris-Moran Seed Co.**  
60-A Saginaw Drive  
Rochester, NY 14692  
716-442-0424
- **Harris Seeds**  
60 Saginaw Drive  
P.O. Box 22960  
Rochester, NY 14692  
800-544-7938
- **Johnny's Selected Seeds**  
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517-851-7550
- **Liberty Seed Co.**  
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Lansing, IL 60438  
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