

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. 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
Asparagus		
Jersey Centennial		Hybrid, 50% male
Jersey Giant		All male hybrid
Viking KB3		Open-pollinated
Bean, Lima		
Early Thorogreen	68	Small-seeded, bush
Fordhook 242	75	Large-seeded, bush
Bean, Snap		
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
Bean, Wax		
Cherokee	52	
Eureka	56	
Goldmine	53	
Sungold	56	
Beet, Red		
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
Broccoli		
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
Cabbage Chinese		
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	Moderate Fusarium Yellows Tolerance
Florida 683	85	
Matador	80	Good Fusarium Yellows Tolerance
Picador	80	Good Fusarium Yellows Tolerance
Utah 52-70HK	85	Moderate Fusarium Yellows Tolerance
Utah 52-70R Imp.	85	
Ventura	80	

	Days to Harvest	Comments
Collard		
Carolina	70	
Champion	75	
Vates	75	
Sweet corn—su—Yellow <i>Standard sweet corn</i>		
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 <i>Sugary enhanced sweet corn</i>		
Bodacious	80	
Champ	68	
Incredible	80	
Legend	73	
Miracle	78	
Sugar Ace	79	
Sweet Dawn	64	
Sweet corn—se—Bicolor		
Calico Belle	80	
Sweet corn—se—White		
Alpine	80	
Silverado	80	
Viva	78	

	Days to Harvest	Comments
Sweet corn—sh2—Yellow <i>Shrunken 2, super sweet</i>		
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	

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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	

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Okra*

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	

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Onion, Green bunching

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>

	Days to Harvest	Comments
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		

	Days to Harvest	Comments
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	

Seed Sources

- **Abbott & Cobb, Inc.**
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- **Agway, Inc**
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- **Asgrow Seed Co.**
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Vineland, NJ 08360
800-234-1056
- **Erb Lumber**
2850 S. Division
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
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- **Ferry-Morse Seed Co., Inc.**
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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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207-437-9294
- **Krummrey Farms (onions)**
13900 M-106, Box 137
Stockbridge, MI 49285
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- **Liberty Seed Co.**
P.O.Box 806
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
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