



Suggested vegetable varieties for the home garden

Asparagus

Jersey Giant - male hybrid
 Jersey Knight - male hybrid
 Jersey Prince - male hybrid (adapted to heavy soils)
 Mary Washington - open pollinated
 Viking KB3 - open pollinated

Hybrid varieties have improved vigor, disease tolerance, and higher yields.

Beans, bush lima

Baby Fordhook
 Fordhook 242 - midseason, medium size, thick pod
 Henderson Bush - very early, small seed

Beans, pole

Blue Lake - stringless
 Kentucky Blue
 Kentucky Wonder - contains strings

Beans, snap green

Ambra
 Benchmark
 Bush Blue Lake 274
 Derby
 Fastina
 Provider - early
 Strike - once-over harvest

Tema
 Tendercrop
 Topcrop

Beans, snap wax (yellow)

Gold Crop
 Gold Mine - susceptible to brown spot disease
 Gold Rush - white seed
 Goldenrod
 Kinghorn Wax - excellent quality, good for canning
 Slenderwax
 Sunburst

Beets

Crosby Greentop
 Cylindra
 Formanova - long tubular shape
 Ruby Queen - early, flat to globular root

Broccoli

Arcadia - late (fall production), small heads, very domed
 Green Comet - early, excellent center head, large side shoots
 Packman - early to mid, uniform, large heads
 Premium Crop - midseason, large center head, few side shoots

Brussels Sprouts

Jade Cross
 Prince Marvel

Cabbage, early

Head Start - excellent holding ability in garden
 Regal Red - early for a red cabbage, medium head size
 Stonehead - small, solid head

Cabbage, midseason

Gourmet - medium to large head, fair to good holding ability
 Red Acre - small head, a firm, red cabbage

Cabbage, late

Michihli (Chinese cabbage)
 Rio Verde - large head size
 Ruby Perfection - small head, deep red color, thrips tolerant
 Savoy King (Savoy type)

Carrot

Avenger - emperor* type
 Dominator
 Nantes - half long
 Premium - emperor* type
 Royal Chantenay
 * emperor refers to the long tapered root

Cauliflower

Self-Blanche - late, does not need tying if plants are fertilized properly
 Snow Crown - early, good and reliable for spring and early fall production
 Snowball Y - main season
 White Sails - main season

Celery

Golden Self-Blanching (golden)
 Summer Pascal
 Utah 52-70

Collards

Blue Max - for blue-green leaves
 Georgia
 Vates

Cucumbers, pickling

Bush Pickle
 Calypso
 County Fair
 Fancipak M

Cucumbers, slicing

Fanfare
 Marketmore 76
 Spacemaster (compact)
 Sweet Slice
 Thunder

Eggplant

Bambino
Black Beauty
Casper (white)
Dusky
Ichiban

Endive

Full Heart Batavian
Green Curled Ruffec

Kale

Dwarf Blue Curled Vates
Winterbor

Kohlrabi

Early Purple Vienna
Early White Vienna
Grand Duke

Leek

American Flag
King Richard

Lettuce, butterhead

Buttercrunch
Esmeralda

Lettuce, head

Ithaca
Summertime

Lettuce, leaf

Black Seeded Simpson
Green Ice
Red Sails
Salad Bowl

Lettuce, Romaine

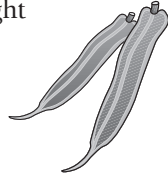
Little Gem

Muskmelon

Earlidew - honeydew type
Earlisweet - early, small
fruit size
Starship - early to mid,
good quality, excellent
size
Superstar - early, large fruit
Venus - honeydew type

Okra

Burgundy - red pod
Cajun Delight
Clemson
Spineless



Onion

Candy
Copra
Early Yellow Globe
Norstar
Red Burgermaster
Sweet Sandwich
Sweet Spanish
Southport Red Globe
Stuttgarter
Super Star

Onion, bunching

Beltsville Bunching
Ebenezer

Parsley

Dark Moss Curled -
curly leaf
Perfection - curly leaf
Plain - flat leaf

Parsnip

Anoka
Harris Model
Hollow Crown

Peas

Freezonian - main
Lincoln - mid to late,
very sweet
Spring - early

Peas, snap (edible-podded)

Sugar Bon - early, short
vines
Super Snappy - main,
large pods

Peas, snow (edible-podded)

Oregon Giant - mid to late,
large pods
Snowflake - late, dark green

Peppers, banana/ cubanelles

Key Largo (cubanelle) -
orange-red at maturity
Sweet Banana - turns red
at maturity

Pepper, colored bells

Gold Finch - yellow
Jingle Bells - small, red
Oriole - orange
Sweet Chocolate - brown
to black

Peppers, hot

Anaheim
Hungarian Hot Wax
Jalapeño Milta
Long Red Cayenne
Red Chili
Super Cayenne
Thai Hot

Pepper, sweet bell

Bell Boy - early
Bell King - main, long
blocky
Jupiter - main, blocky
Lady Bell
Merlin - early to mid,
blocky

Potato

Goldrush - mid, white,
good baking quality
Katahdin - late, white
smooth, round,
shallow-eyed
Kennebec - late, white,
long, oval
Red Norland - early, bright
red, oblong, smooth
skinned, shallow eyes

Red Pontiac - late, red,
round, very high
yield, good boiling,
mashing type
Russet Norkotah - early,
very good appearance,
good baking quality
Superior - early, white,
slight russet, oval
Yukon Gold - early, yellow
flesh, good size

Pumpkin

Aspen - semi bush
Atlantic Giant - very large
Autumn Gold
Big Max - very large
Rouge Vif d'Etampes
(Cinderella)
Connecticut Field - large
Ghost Rider
Howden - large
Jackpot - large
Lumina - white
Orange Smoothie - small
Prizewinner - very large
Spookie - small

Pumpkin, mini

Baby Boo - white
Munchkin
Wee-B-Little

Radish

Champion
Cherry Belle
Easter Egg
Round Black
Spanish - winter
Sparkler
White Icicle



Rhubarb

Canada Red
McDonald
Valentine - produces
fewer seed stalks
than McDonald

Rutabaga

American Purple Top

Salsify

Mammoth Sandwich Island

Spinach

Bloomsdale Long Standing

- spring crop

Dominion - fall crop

Melody - spring

Squash, summer

Dixie - yellow crookneck

Elite - zucchini

Goldfinger - golden zucchini

Jaguar - zucchini

Senca Butterbar - yellow straightneck

Spineless Beauty - zucchini

Squash, winter

Blue Hubbard

Burgess Buttercup

Butternut Supreme

Sweet Mama - buttercup type

Table Ace - acorn

Table Queen - acorn

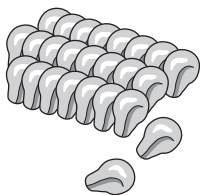
Vegetable Spaghetti

Sweet Corn, standard sweet

Often does better in cold soils, typically is not as sweet as the other two, and sugar declines rapidly after harvest.

Seneca Horizon - early, yellow

Silver Queen - late, white



Sweet Corn, sugar enhanced

A higher sugar content than standard sweet corn and is more tender.

Alpine - main-late, white

Bodacious - main, yellow

Delectable - main, bicolor

Incredible - main, yellow

Legend - early, yellow

Seneca Sensation - early-main, white

Temptation - early, bicolor

Sweet Corn, super sweet

High sugar content that does not decline rapidly after harvest. Seed is smaller and lighter than seed of standard corn, and typically does not do well in cold soils. Erratic germination and uneven stands are relatively common.

Candy Store - main, bicolor

Early Xtra Super Sweet - early, yellow

Honey 'N Pearl - main, bicolor

Northern Super Sweet - early, yellow

Phenomenal - main, bicolor

Silver Xtra Sweet - main, white

Sweet potato, moist flesh

Beauregard - early, popular variety

Centennial - soft-fleshed, orange skin

Nugget - firm-fleshed, orange skin and flesh, excellent keeper

Swiss Chard

Bright Lights - multi-colored mix

Fordhook Giant - white, ribbed

Lucullus - green, ribbed

Tomato, early

Northern Exposure - good crack-resistance, fair firmness

Sunrise, VF - good crack resistance, firm fruit

Tomato, main season

Better Boy, VFN - poor crack resistance, fair firmness

Celebrity, VFNT - variable crack resistance, good firmness, large fruit size

Jet Star, VFN - excellent crack resistance, poor firmness, not for canning

Mountain Delight, VF - late maturity, excellent crack resistance, excellent firmness

Mountain Spring, VF - Excellent crack resistance and firmness, susceptible to early blight

Sun Brite, VF - good crack resistance and firmness, excellent foliage cover

V, F, N, T -refers to disease tolerance.

V = verticillium wilt

F = fusarium wilt

N = nematode

(primarily root knot species)

T = tobacco mosaic virus

Tomato, special

Husky Gold - yellow

Juliet - cherry

Lemon Boy - yellow

Patio - small-size fruit

Pixie - medium-size fruit

Roma VF - paste type

Turnip

Purple Top White Globe - fall

Seven Top - greens

Tokyo Cross

Watermelon

Crimson Sweet - green striped, blocky round, 20-30 pounds

Everglade (seedless) - late season, black rind, red flesh, round, 11-14 pounds

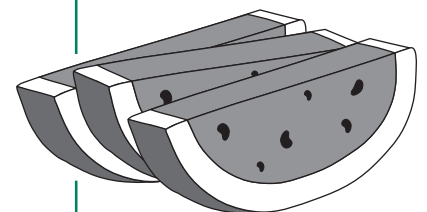
Millionaire (seedless) - late season, light green striped, oblong, 13-20 pounds

Royal Sweet - light green striped, blocky oval, 20-25 pounds

Sangria - dark green striped, oblong fruit, 25-30 pounds

Sugar Baby - early, round, 10 pounds

Yellow Baby (yellow-fleshed) - light green striped, round, 9-12 pounds



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