



Warm Season Vegetable Selection Guide©

| <u>Variety</u> | <u>Color</u> | <u>Size</u> | <u>Days to Harvest</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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| <u>Artichoke</u> | | | | |
| 'Imperial Star' | green | 4" | n/a | Bred for annual production, plants produce an average of 7 heads per year. |
| <u>Asparagus</u> | | | | |
| 'Jersey Knight' | green | n/a | n/a | A classic spring harvest treat, this perennial is easily grown & produces for many years. |
| <u>Beans</u> | | | | |
| 'Cherokee Trail of Tears' | green/purple | n/a | 85 | Pole habit. Cherokee Indian heirloom variety. Green pods with purple overlay. |
| 'Crockett Bush' | dark green | 6" | 60 | Bush habit, snap type. High-yielding fillet type has a continuous set for extended harvesting. |
| 'Derby Bush' | green | 7" | 57 | Bush habit. Sets big crops of long, flavorful, tender pods. Easy to harvest beans slip right off stems. |
| 'Envy' Soybean | bright green | n/a | 75 | Upright 2' plants bear an early crop of beans for 'edamame', fresh shelling or drying. |
| 'Fin de Bagnol' | green | n/a | 57 | Bush habit. Heirloom French variety. Best flavor when picked young, every 2-3 days. |
| 'Fresh Pick' | green | n/a | 53 | Bush habit. Suggestive of pole beans with better flavor. Tolerates hot weather, offers extended yield. |
| 'Ideal Market' | green | 5-6" | 68 | Pole habit. Very hardy, vigorous variety. Excellent quality, stringless, fine texture. |
| 'Painted Lady' | green | n/a | 68 | Runner habit. Heirloom variety from 1827. Beautiful orange & cream blossoms attract hummingbirds. |
| 'Roma II' | bright green | n/a | 59 | Bush habit. Straight and stringless beans are mouthwatering fresh, great canned, flavor doesn't fade. |
| <u>Corn</u> | | | | |
| 'Blue Jade' | blue | n/a | 75 | Miniature plants bear 3-6 ears of sweet, steel blue cobs. Plants are 2'-3' tall. Good for containers. |
| 'Golden Bantam' | yellow | n/a | 80 | Heirloom variety from 1902. Long, tender & sweet. A staple for home gardeners & market growers. |
| 'Mr. Mini Mirai' | yellow | 5-6" | 74 | Hybrid variety produces high-quality, gourmet sweet corn. Let ears fully mature for maximum flavor. |
| 'Spring Treat' | yellow | n/a | 66 | Earliest sweet corn, easiest to harvest. Excellent eating quality and good cool soil vigor. |
| 'Stowell's Evergreen' | white | 8-9" | 95 | Heirloom variety from 1793. Popular white corn for home gardeners & market growers. |

Cucumber

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| 'Armenian' | | 24-30" | 75 | Actually a melon, but used like a cucumber. Light green, heavily ribbed fruits. Best picked at 12-18". |
| 'Boston Pickling' | | 6-7" | 55 | Heirloom variety. Gardeners favorite for high yields of short cucumbers with solid, crisp flesh. |
| 'Burpless' | | 10" | 70 | Compact vine produces high yields. Tastes great freshly sliced! Proven performance and flavor. |
| 'Bush Pickle' | | 5" | 45 | Compact choice for small gardens & containers. Bears early. Cool, mild flavor. White spined. |
| 'Longfellow' | | 12-14" | 70 | Heirloom from 1927. Extremely attractive, uniform "straight" fruits are ideal for packing. |
| 'Miniature White' | | 3-6" | 52 | Yellowish-white eating cucumber. Mild, sweet flavor with no need to peel. Best picked at 3" size. |
| 'Palace King' | | 10" | 60 | A high yielding Japanese 'Sooyow' cultivar, ribbed with fine white spines. |
| 'Nishiki' | | 10-12" | 60 | A classic Japanese 'Sooyow' cultivar. Similar to 'Palace King', ribbed with fine white spines. |
| 'Pickling' | | 6-7" | 55 | Smaller and blockier than slicing cucumbers, with thin skin and a crisper, crunchier flesh. |
| 'Slice Master' | | 8-9" | 55 | Hybrid variety. Early producer. White fruit, thick flesh, very few seeds. |
| 'Sultan' | | n/a | 58 | Hybrid burpless variety. Thin skinned, never bitter. Pick small or large, same great flavor! |
| 'Sweet Slice' | | 10-12" | 45 | Hybrid burpless variety. Dark green fruit grows long & straight. If picked young, no need to peel! |
| 'True Lemon' | | 3"x 2" | 70 | Heirloom variety from 1894. Similar in size & appearance to a lemon. Use for pickling, salad, slicing. |

Eggplant

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| 'Cloud Nine' | white | 7" | 75 | Pure white and bitter free with an elegant teardrop shape and delicate flavor. |
| 'Ichiban' | purple/black | 10" | 60 | Sweet & succulent hybrid loves warm weather. Very productive and well suited to containers. |
| 'Kurume Long' | glossy black | 9" | 60 | Popular variety in Japan for its quality and texture in stir-fries. Matures late. |
| 'Nadia' | purple/black | 9" | 70 | Classic Italian shape and outstanding fruit, this variety does well even under cool conditions. |
| 'Pintung Long' | violet/purple | 12"+ | 65 | Extremely beautiful Taiwanese heirloom. Incredible shine radiates off the skin of this eggplant. |
| 'Rosa Bianca' | lavender/white | 6" | 75 | Italian heirloom with creamy, mild flesh. Meaty, round fruits. Prized by chefs and gardeners alike. |

Melon

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| 'Amish' | orange | 6 lb. | 85 | Amish heirloom. Oval fruits with a thick rind. Very juicy, full muskmelon flavor. |
| 'Maverick' | orange | 3 ½ lb. | 75 | Round to oval cantaloupe with excellent sweet flavor and heavily sutured skin. Matures earlier. |
| 'Charantais' | salmon | 2 lb. | 82 | Smooth, round melon matures to a creamy grayish-yellow with green flesh. Divine sweet, juicy flesh. |
| 'Crenshaw' | pale orange | 4-6 lb. | 100 | Large, oval fruits are dark green, non-netted, yet become streaked with yellow when ripe. |
| 'Honeydew Orange' | light orange | 5 lb | 74 | Vigorous, creamy-white skin when ripe. Thick, firm flesh. Flavor between a honeydew and crenshaw. |
| 'Sakata's Sweet' | light green | n/a | 90 | Middle Eastern heirloom. Small, softball sized melons have crisp, sweet, light flesh. |
| 'Sun Jewel' | white | 2-3 lb. | 68 | Asian specialty melon. Unusual, oblong fruit has a crisp and wonderfully sweet flavor. |

Potatoes, Fingerling

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| French Fingerling | rose | n/a | 110 | Rose-colored skin covers creamy yellow flesh. Versatile for any cooking method, no need to peel. |
| Red Thumb | red | n/a | 110 | Relatively new variety with brilliant red skin and unusual red flesh. Prolific yields. Uniform shape. |
| Rose Finn Apple | yellow | n/a | 105 | Rosy-colored skin with deep yellow flesh and a waxy, firm texture. Delectable flavor, fine keeper. |
| Russian Banana | yellow | n/a | 110 | Yellow inside and out, this rare heirloom variety is extremely popular. Easy to grow, prolific yields. |

Pumpkins

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| 'Dill's Atlantic Giant' | yellow/orange | | 125 | Huge pinkish to orange fruits for fall display. 50-250 lbs. are common. Fertile soil, plenty of water. |
| 'Jarradale' | gray | | 100 | Medium sweet, thick orange flesh. 6-10 lb., drum shaped fruit. Good quality, long storage life. |
| 'Magic Lantern' | orange | | 95 | Dark fruit with medium ribbing weigh 16-24 lbs. Vigorous, compact vines good for small gardens. |
| 'Valenciano' | snow white | | 110 | Medium sized, flattened, slightly ribbed white pumpkin. Thick orange flesh suitable for pies. |

Rhubarb

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| Victoria | | | | Prolific green stalks with a red blush. Best for cooking. Noticeably sweeter & milder than others. |
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Squash

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| 'Aristocrat'-zucchini | dark green | 8" | 53 | 1973 AAS winner. Long, smooth and slender, easy to pick. Good flavor with prolific yields. |
| 'Black Beauty'-acorn | black/green | 2 ½ lb. | 85 | Semi-bush plants offer a high yield. Nutty, moderately sweet flavor if allowed to fully mature. |
| 'Bush Baby'-zucchini | green | 4-6" | 49 | Bush Baby's fruits are true miniatures, ready to harvest at 4-6". Glossy, dark green with stripes. |
| 'Crookneck'-summer | yellow | 4-5" | 58 | Big plants begin bearing late, but then yield consistently for a long picking period. Pick small. |
| 'Eightball'-summer | green | 2-3" | 50 | Perfect round globes with excellent flavor and bush habit. Golf ball to cue ball size. Deep green. |
| 'Golden'-zucchini | yellow | 6-8" | 48 | Medium-long, slender, cylindrical fruits. Bright golden, delicious, distinctive zucchini flavor. |
| 'Naple's Long' | green/tan | 20+ lbs. | 125 | Peanut shape with deep green skin turns tan in storage. 20-25 lbs. Bright orange flesh is rich & sweet. |
| 'Papaya Pear'-summer | yellow | 6 oz | 42 | 2003 AAS winner. Produces high yields of pear shaped squash with tender flesh all summer long. |
| 'Pattypan'-summer | white | 8" | 52 | Flattened, scalloped squash with a sweet, nutty flavor. Compact, bush type plant good in small spaces. |
| 'Scallopini'-summer | green | 5-7" | 55 | Smooth, dark green skin similar in appearance to a patty pan. Nutty flavor. Compact growth habit. |
| Spaghetti'-winter | ivory | varies | 80 | Yellow-skinned, medium sized squash. Firm flesh separates into spaghetti-like strands when cooked. |
| 'Table Ace'-acorn | black/green | 2 ½ lbs. | 85 | Medium-small acorn type squash with delicious yellow flesh. Semi-bush plant produces good yields. |
| 'Waltham'-butternut | tan | 4-5 lbs. | 105 | 1970 AAS winner. Prized for its uniform shape, rich dry yellow-orange flesh and nutty flavor. |

Tomatillo

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| De Milpa | green/purple | 1 ½ " | 70 | Mexican heirloom grown unattended in family cornfields, then harvested for fresh salsa verde. |
| Purple | purple | 1 ½ " | 80 | Rare heirloom variety. Fruit is very sweet, great grilled & makes an attractive purple salsa. |
| Toma Verde | green | 1 ½ " | 65 | Unique flavor makes an indescribably tasty salsa verde, which some say is superior to red salsas. |
| Verde Puebla | green | 2 " | 75 | Excellent yields of flavorful green fruit inside a papery husk. Use for salsa & Mexican recipes. |
| Yellow Husk | yellow | ¾ " | 70 | Lantern shaped, yellow fruit has a sweet, tart flavor & can be eaten fresh or used in desserts. |

Watermelon

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| Blacktail Mountain | scarlet | 9" | 72 | Reliable & versatile, round fruits set with nights in the 40's and produce during hot, humid days. |
| Cream of Saskatchewan | white | 8-10" | 82 | Round fruit with a thin rind and a sweet white flesh that offers exceptional flavor. |
| Mountain Sweet Yellow | yellow | 20+ lbs. | 98 | A true jewel, this dark yellow melon produces long, 20-35 lb. fruit with high sugar content. |
| Orangelo | orange | 20+ lbs. | 95 | Unique, very sweet, deep orange flesh that is crisp and very flavorful. Oblong fruits. |
| Sorbet Swirl | red/yellow | 10 lbs. | 77 | Flesh has beautiful, pastel swirls of red and yellow. Fruits average 8". First rate sweetness & texture. |