



Warm Season Vegetable Selection Guide©

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Days to Harvest</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<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

'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

'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

'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

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

'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

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

'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

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

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.