

Good Root Growers

Veggie/Herb Descriptions

| Plant | Heirloom | Open Pollinated | Organic Seed | Hybrid | Days to Maturity | Avg Wt /Size | Remarks |
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| Alliums | Leeks - King Richard | | ✓ | ✓ | | 100 18-30" | Very dark blue/green foliage, holds in fields for fall harvest, overwinters if moderate season, mild onion flavor |
| | Onion - Red Storage/Red Carpet | | | ✓ | ✓ | 118 3-1/2" | Deep maroon-skinned, with juicy, firm, thick rings, heavy, long, harvest, ultra-reliable red keeper |
| | Onion - Yellow Storage/Cortland | | ✓ | ✓ | | 105 3-4" | Thick copper skin, fine necks, and round shape, uniform size, adaptable, standard yellow keeper |
| | Walla Walla - Sweet | ✓ | ✓ | | | 125 2" | Sweet Spanish onion, juicy and mild, not for storage |
| | Scallions | | ✓ | ✓ | | 55 12" | Japanese bunching onion - mellow, sweet flavor, cold hardy |
| | Shallots | | | ✓ | ✓ | 110 2" | darkest red-skinned variety available from seed, smooth onion-y taste, bulbs store through April |
| Brassica & Aplaceases | Broccoli - Belstar | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 70 6" | Beautiful uniform blue-green heads of densely packed florets ideal for cold and warm weather planting |
| | Broccoli - Romanesco | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 80 8" | Intriguing chartreuse color with textural whorled heads. A culinary delight since the 16th century. |
| | Brussel Sprouts | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 100 30" | Well filled stalks of firm smooth sprouts, especially frost tolerant |
| | Cabbage - Green/Early Jersey | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 63 5-7" | Green, uniform, compact medium 2-3 lb waxy looking heads are distinctively pointy, tender flavorful |
| | Cabbage - Red Rock | ✓ | ✓ | | | 100 8-10" | Red, firm flattened round 5-8 lb heads red-purple to the core, good keeper with a crisp sweet taste |
| | Cauliflower - White/Amazing | | ✓ | | ✓ | 85 6-7" | Smooth heads of tightly formed white curds are solid, crisp, and tender, excellent quality |
| | Kohlrabi - Green | | ✓ | ✓ | | 63 2.5" | Pale green-skinned above ground bulbs, crisp white flesh, sweet turnip-like flavor, excellent raw or steamed |
| | Celery | | ✓ | ✓ | | 80 2' | Early variety with superior flavor and more tender stalks, keep consistently moist |
| | Fennel | | ✓ | ✓ | | 72 6" | Good performer - sauté with onions, sweet peppers and a little toasted sesame oil. |
| | Fennel - Bronze | | ✓ | ✓ | | 72 6" | Leaf fennel with striking feathery bronze foliage - delicious and decorative |
| Greens | Collards | ✓ | ✓ | | | 80 2-3' | Slow to bolt and tolerant of heat, cold, and poor soil, large cabbage-like leaves, tender, mild and juicy |
| | Kale - Dwarf Blue Curled Scotch | | ✓ | ✓ | | 65 15" | Finely curled leaves, uniform low-growing with 20-35" spread, very hardy will overwinter zone 4 with mulch |
| | Kale - Premier Mix | | ✓ | ✓ | | 62 20" | A fancy mix of dwarf curly, lacinato, Russian red and darf Siberian kales |
| | Kale - Lacinato | | ✓ | ✓ | | 62 20" | Italian, blue-green strap-like leaves 3" wide by 10-18" long, excellent flavor, best eaten when small |
| | Swiss Chard - Rainbow | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 60 20" | Shades of red, pink, white, yellow and gold, tender and delicious, color intensifies with delayed harvest |
| Slicing Tomatoes | Amana Orange | ✓ | ✓ | | | 90 12 oz | Large-up to 2 lbs, orange beefsteak, mild, pleasant flavor |
| | Andrew Rahart | | ✓ | | | 90 1 lb | Large beefsteak slicer with a hint of tartness, intensely red, 4" fruits, high yield |
| | Evergreen | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 75 14 oz | Green-when-ripe variety with medium-sized beefsteak fruits, tender and sweet flavor, very productive |
| | Beefsteak - Mark Twain | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 85 1 lb | Deep red interior and full body. Crack free and tender. Will not take much handling |
| | Black Krim | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 80 14 oz | Russian, brown/red w/brown/green shoulder, bold smoky, full flavor, large slicer |
| | Brandywine Red | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 78 1 lb | Deep pink skin/red flesh,excellent flavor, rich, spicy |
| | Cherokee Purple | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 77 10 oz | Flat globe, dusky pink, dark shoulder with multicolored interior, full favor. Short vines, prone to sunburn |
| | Delicious | ✓ | ✓ | | | 77 1 lb | Large-up to 3 lbs, excellent slicer, large meaty full flavor fruit with minimal crack |
| | German Johnson | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 75 1.5 lbs | Brandywine variety, deep acidic flavor, rich creamy texture. Pink parent line to Mortgage Lifter |
| | Hungarian Heart | ✓ | ✓ | | | 85 14 oz | Large pink oxheart, few seeds, almost no crack, for fresh eating, canning, and roasting |

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| Slicing Tomatoes | Mark Twain | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 85 | 1 lb | Beefsteak with deep red interior, ribbed fruit and full body. Crack free and tender. Thin skinned - handle with care |
| | Mister Stripy | ✓ | ✓ | | 85 | 1.5 lbs | Large-up to 2 lbs, red/yellow striped beefsteak, large ridge shouldered, mild, low acid |
| | Mortgage Lifter | ✓ | ✓ | | 71 | 2 lbs | Huge-up to 4 lbs, deep pink, meaty, crack free, old fashioned flavor, high yields |
| | Paul Robeson | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 78 | 10oz | Named for an outspoken crusader for racial equality and social justice, brick red oblate fruit, deep flavored "sandwich" tomato |
| | Rose de Berne | | ✓ | ✓ | 80 | 6 oz | French, med size the delivers robust taste, pink and perfectly round |
| | Sart Reloise | ✓ | ✓ | | 85 | 12 oz | Gorgeous stained glass masterpiece with indigo brush strokes, dense beefsteak with complex sweet fruited flavor |
| | Wisconsin 55 | | | ✓ | 80 | 8 oz | Excellent all-purpose tomato, great for canning |
| Paste | Amish Paste | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 85 | 10 oz | Best for sauces and canning, deep red fruits with "real tomato" flavor, medium acidity |
| | Opalka | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 82 | 3x5" | Massive horn-shaped red fruits with dry texture and few seeds. The crinkly foliage normal, Polish heirloom |
| | Roma | | ✓ | ✓ | 65 | 5 oz | Paste tomato - productive with great disease resistance, thick walled, deep red with mild flavor |
| | San Marzano | | ✓ | ✓ | 78 | 5 oz | Slightly rectangular, bright red, extra solid, excellent flavor with balanced acidity, Determinate |
| Small Tomatoes | Ground Cherry - Aunt Molly's (Husk) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 70 | 12 gm | Polish variety prized for unique flavor, prolific, super sweet, husk turns brown when 1/2-3/4" fruit ripens |
| | Indigo (Cherry) | | ✓ | ✓ | 80 | 1.5 oz | Artisan dark blue anthocyanin coloration over red flesh, semi-determinate, good flavor with 'plummy' overtones |
| | Pink Bumblebee (Cherry) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 65 | 1 oz | Artisan rose colored fruits w/iridescent gold striping, sweet, juicy, crack resistant, tolerates cool night temps & hot days |
| | Sun Gold (Cherry) | | | ✓ | 57 | 18 gm | Yellow/orange flesh, resists splitting, intense fruity sweet flavor |
| | Reisentraube (Cherry) | ✓ | ✓ | | 80 | 1.25 oz | German heirloom "giant bunch of grapes" 20-40 fruit clusters with full tomato flavor not typical in a cherry, compact indeterminate |
| | Tomatillos - Verde (Husk) | | ✓ | ✓ | 77 | 4 oz | For classic salsa verde, harvest slight larger than golf ball or turn yellow for tangy nutty raw snack |
| Basils | Large Leaf | | ✓ | | 70 | 24-36" | The choice of many connoisseurs for making pesto. Also called Perfumed Basil – more aromatic |
| | Holy (Sacred) | | ✓ | ✓ | 100 | 24" | 1-1/2" leaved annual, purple stems, synonymous with Tulsi tea, used medicinally for digestion and immune system |
| | Lemon - Mrs. Burns | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 64 | 24-30" | 1-1/2" leaved annual, intense lemony fragrance, from New Mexico |
| | Purple - Opal | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 78 | 16" | 3" flat, dark purple leaved annual |
| | Thai | | ✓ | | 60 | 10-24" | 2" leaved annual, purple stems/blooms, with anise-clove flavor |
| Herbs | Borage | | ✓ | ✓ | 55 | 2-3' | Cucumber flavor edible small blue flowers and young leaves, use in salads, tea, cough syrups, ice cubes |
| | Catnip | | ✓ | ✓ | 85 | 24" | Perennial- deer resistant, fly and mosquito repellent. 12-24" wide. Medicinally used for fever and digest aid |
| | Chamomile - German | | ✓ | ✓ | 65 | 24" | Fragrant self seeding annual. Small white edible flowers appear early through midsummer. Calming effect |
| | Chives | | ✓ | ✓ | 80 | 12-18" | Hollow, grass like leaves, hardy perennial, Asian remedy for colds and flu, enjoy fresh or dried |
| | Cilantro - Caribe | | ✓ | ✓ | 55 | 20-30" | Long standing annual, late to seed (for coriander), lots of flavorful foliage, chelating agent |
| | Dill - Bouquet | | ✓ | ✓ | 55 | 12-24" | Annual, biggest, ferniest, plant with good seed and leaf yields, most widely grown variety |
| | Dill - Fernleaf | | ✓ | | 55 | 18" | Dwarf annual, slow to bolt abundant foliage for extended pickling season |
| | Hyssop - Anise | | ✓ | ✓ | 85 | 30" | Lemony - licorice flavored leaves & flowers, use in teas, seasonings, strengthens heart, for fevers, colds, coughs |
| | Lavender - Monstead | | ✓ | | 110 | 18" | Perennial to zone 4 if mulched, compact bushy plant |
| | Lemon Balm | | ✓ | ✓ | 70 | 18-24" | Perennial, edible flowers, medicinally for colds, flu, headache, sedative, digestion, cold sores, antiviral |
| | Lemongrass | | ✓ | | 85 | 3-4' | Pot to indoors as perennial, used for flavor, teas, medicinally for digestion, fever, anti-inflammatory |
| | Loveage | | ✓ | ✓ | 90 | 6-8' | Perennial leaves taste like celery, used for tonic salads, potatoes, rice, poultry, seeds in bread and pastry |
| | Mojito Mint | | ✓ | | 85 | 12" | Cuban mint milder than its northern relative. Popularized drink with added rum and lime |
| | Marjoram | | ✓ | ✓ | 90 | 18" | Low bushy plant with trailing stems, pot to indoors as perennial, sweeter more balsam-like than oregano |
| | Oregano - Greek | | ✓ | ✓ | 80 | 12-24" | Perennial to zone 4, dark green leaf, white flower, medicinal for indigestion |

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| Herbs | Parsley - Curly | ✓ | | | 75 | 12-16" | Dense triple-curved medium-green parsley holds its color, excellent stalk flavor |
| | Parsley - Leaf | ✓ | | | 75 | 16-18" | Sweet, smallest flat leaf offered, uniform growth |
| | Peppermint | ✓ | | | | 12-24" | Perennial, true to type through propagation, excellent for culinary or medicinal use, invasive |
| | Pineapple Mint | ✓ | | | | 12-24" | Tender perennial, variegated leaves, fruity, sweet, flavorful, with a more subtle mintiness with a hint of pineapple |
| | Rosemary | ✓ | ✓ | | | 12-24" | Pot to indoors as perennial, medicinally used for headaches, circulation. Sturdy straight stems used as skewers |
| | Sage | ✓ | ✓ | | 90 | 2-3' | Small lavender flowers, medicinally used for digestion and nerves |
| | Spearmint | ✓ | | | | 12-24" | Perennial, common mint: med-digestion, invasive |
| | Tarragon - French | ✓ | | | | 2-3' | Perennial if mulched, anise flavored herb used to flavor meats and eggs |
| | Thyme - English | ✓ | ✓ | | 90 | 6" | Perennial if mulched, vigorous, semi-upright plant, strong, earthy scent and flavor |
| | Thyme - Lemon | ✓ | ✓ | | NA | 7" | Variegated-upright with citrus flavor and aroma, used to season fish, salads, and vegetables |
| | Peppers - Sweet | Banana | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 70 | 4-6" |
| Boldog Paprika | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 71 | 4-6" | Named from a Budapest spice district – roast and peel, dry into decorative ristas, or grind into a sweet rich deeply flavored powder |
| Cornito Arancia | | | | ✓ | 75 | 5" | Tapered orange horn-shape fruit, versatile and tasty any way — raw, cooked, sliced, diced, sautéed, stuffed, grilled or fire-roasted |
| Cornito Rosso | | | | ✓ | 75 | 5" | Tapered red horn-shape fruit, versatile and tasty any way — raw, cooked, sliced, diced, sautéed, stuffed, grilled or fire-roasted |
| Flavorburst - Yellow Bell | | | | ✓ | 75 | 3x4" | Crisp thick walled bell pepper turning from lime green to goldenrod. Sweet peppery bite overlaid with a zesty surge of lemon |
| Gilboa - Orange Bell | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 80 | 3x4" | Blocky sweet fruity-green to bright orange. Bred 1952 from Amer Cal-Wonder by Hazera youth ass'n in Ben-Shemen, Israel |
| Jimmy Nardello | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 76 | 3-1/2-4" | Long curve, taper pointed, deep red/wrinkled, sweet, crisp, light pepper, excellent raw and fried |
| King of the North (Red Bell) | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 70 | 3-1/2" | Best variety where seasons are cool and short. Turns green to red. Uniform fruits with a great, sweet flavor. |
| Lesya (Yellow Heart) | | | ✓ | ✓ | 73 | 3-4" | A rare yellow heart-shaped thick-walled super sweet pepper named after its seed saver owner from Ukraine, highly productive |
| Purple Bell | | | ✓ | ✓ | 74 | 3x3" | Good yields of blocky fruits that ripen from purple to green to deep red as they mature, fruit will turn green when cooked |
| Round of Hungary - Pimento | | ✓ | ✓ | 80 | 2"x4" | Early and prolific, rich fruity taste, adapted to cooler temps. Attractive container for dip | |
| Peppers - Heat | Anaheim | ✓ | ✓ | | 78 | 8" | Mild chile pepper turning green to red with tapered point. Famous Cultivar developed in 1900s for canning pepper 500-2500 SCU |
| | Beaver Dam | ✓ | ✓ | | 80 | 6" | Mildly hot and sweet, horned shaped, orange-red fruit 500-1000 SCU |
| | Cayenne - Joe's Long Red | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 83 | 6" | Hot, zesty pepper just a ½" wide. Use in sauce or dried and ground as a peppering spice 30,000-50,000 SCU |
| | Habanero | | ✓ | | 95 | 2"x1-1/4" | Super hot, peach pumpkin shaped fruits 100,000-350,000 SCU |
| | Hatch Chili - Big Jim (Med Heat) | | ✓ | | 68 | 5" | Best hot pepper for cool climates, it is excellent grilled with enhanced smokiness due to high oil, easy to stuff 2500-3000 SCU |
| | Hatch Chili - Double Cross (Hot Heat) | | ✓ | | 68 | 5" | Best hot pepper for cool climates, it is excellent grilled with enhanced smokiness due to high oil, easy to stuff 9000 SCU |
| | Hot Wax - Hungarian | | ✓ | | 68 | 5"x1.5" | Wrinkled fruits ripen to salmon orange. Used fresh, dried or pickle. Key ingredient in Jamaican Jerk sauces 5000-10,000 SCU |
| | Lemon Spice (Jalapeno) | | ✓ | | 72 | 3" | Stunning lemon yellow with a burst of fruity flavor. Prolific and early. 2500-8000 SCU |
| | Jalapeno | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 70 | 3-1/2" | Most well known, thick walls, dark green color, Scoville: 3,500-6,000 |
| | Pablano - Ancho | | ✓ | | 88 | 6" | Classic pepper for chili relenos, turns green to red to near black, Scoville: 1,000-2,000 |
| | Pepperoncini | ✓ | ✓ | | 75 | 2-3" | Italian pepper pickled to add to pizza and salads. thin walled, slightly bulbous end tangier than a Hot Wax 100-500 SCU |
| | Serrano | | ✓ | ✓ | 85 | 3" | High yield, red or green peppers shaped like a Jalapeno, Scoville: 10,000-25,000 |
| Shishito | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 60 | 3-4" | Small, thin-walled, very mild Japanese pepper for roasting, pan-frying and grilling. Similar to the Padron used in tapas 5-200 SCU | |
| Eggplant | Black Beauty | | | ✓ | 80 | 1 lb | High yields, no spines, deep purple, 7" ovals |
| | Ping Tung | | | ✓ | 65 | 8-10" | Asian, long cylindrical shape, distinctive fluorescent and pastel pink skin with a white flesh, few seeds |
| | Rosa Bianca | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 82 | 5"x6" | Italian, plump and variably ribbed, mild, creamy taste, best adapted to warm nights with higher yields |

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| SP | Okra - Clemson Spineless | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 60 | 3-5' | Uniform, deep green ribbed and spineless pod, harvested when 3" long, excellent quality | |
| | Peanut - Tennessee Red | ✓ | ✓ | | 110 | 18" | Valencia type-cultivate around plant allowing "pegs" to penetrate soil - fun to grow - produces w/long summer | |
| | Sweet Potato - Orange | | | | 90 | | Moist, sweet, orange fleshed, early, widely adapted for cooler climes, dig up before soil drops below 50 degrees. | |
| Cukes | National Pickler | | ✓ | | 52 | 3-5' | Black spine dark green fruits are vigorous dependable producers - quality holds throughout season | |
| | Green Finger | | ✓ | ✓ | 60 | 14" | Thin skin, exceptional flavor, small seed cavity, high yield, long cold storage life | |
| | Marketmore | | ✓ | | 58 | 8-9" | Very dark green slicer, long harvest, a standard for northern gardens, few seeds, disease resistant | |
| | Tasty Green | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 60 | 9" | A slender Asian burpless variety with delicate skin and sweet flavor, shallow ridges with sweet flavor, heavy yields |
| Melon | Cantaloupe - Minnesota Midget | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 68 | 4" | Sweet, extra-early variety bred by U of M, excellent choice for northern gardeners, suitable for containers | |
| | Muskmelon - Pride of WI | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 88 | 5-7# | Smooth texture w/juicy sweetness, edible down to rind. Will bottom crack in wet seasons | |
| | Watermelon - Petite Yellow | | ✓ | ✓ | 73 | 6# | Deliciously sweet and refreshing small "icebox" melon, early maturity, adapted to shortseason areas | |
| | Watermelon - Sugar Baby | | ✓ | ✓ | 75 | 6-12# | Excellent short-season variety with reliable yields of sweet, juicy melons, 7-8.5" in diameter. | |
| Squash | Acorn | ✓ | ✓ | | 90 | 1.5-2# | Introduced by the Iowa Seed Co. in 1913 and once known as Des Moines, started trend toward smaller, 3-4 month storage | |
| | Black Futzu | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 105 | 4-6# | Japanese pumpkin with irresistible sweet flesh, spectacular ornamental, halo ripens black to chestnut during winter storage | |
| | Buttercup - Burgess | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 95 | 3-4# | Oscar H. Will of Bismarck-ND introduced in 1931. Sweet, deep orange, with acorn shaped, sweet or savory, shorter storage | |
| | Butternut - Waltham | ✓ | ✓ | | 105 | 4-5# | Orange dry flesh with a sweet nutty flavor. Excellent keeper. | |
| | Delicata | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 100 | 1# | 1894 heirloom – sweet flesh, oblong "boats" perfect serving dish. No peel skins tender and nutty. Med storage variety | |
| | Honeynut (Sm Butternut) | | | ✓ | ✓ | 120 | .5-1# | A mini Butternut with smooth tan skins and sweet flavor. Plant early to maximize ripening. Resistant to powdery mildew. |
| | Pie Pumpkin (New England) | | ✓ | ✓ | | 105 | 5# | Classic pie pumpkin with dry, stringless flesh and superior thick consistency in pies |
| | Red Kuri | ✓ | ✓ | | 95 | 8-10# | Sweet rich flavor with a hint of spice with smooth orange flesh, reliable yields even in cool climates with short growing seasons. | |
| | Spaghetti | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 88 | 4" | Wonderful nutty flavor, a great keeper." Oblong fruits, with spaghetti-like strings in the flesh - to US 1934 from Japan | |
| | Zuchini - Costata (Romanesco) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 60 | 6-12" | Italian green zucchini, excellent texture and nutty flavor, raw or cooked | |
| | Zuchini - Golden | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 55 | 6-8" | Bright yellow summer squash with heavy yields. Best when eaten under 8", crisp and mild favored | |
| | Zuchini - Midnight Lightening | | ✓ | ✓ | | 55 | 7-8" | Extra long and slender zucchini with dark green, almost-black coloring, disease resistant |