

Variety Information for Vegetables and Herbs



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Growth habit key

Determinate habit (D)

Bush type growth. The plant stops growing when the fruit sets. The majority of fruit develop at the same time which is good for canning.

Indeterminate habit (I)

Vine type growth. Best grown with stakes or in cages. Fruit develops continuously throughout the season.

Disease Resistance Key ^{1,2,3}

V-Resistant to Verticillium Wilt
F-Resistant to Fusarium Wilt
FF – Resistant to Fusarium Wilt, Races 1 & 2

N-Resistant to Nematodes
T-Resistant to Tobacco Mosaic Virus
A-Resistant to Alternaria Stem Canker

St-Resistant to Stemphylium Gray Leaf Spot
TSWV- Resistant to Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus

Variety	Type	D or I	Description	Days to Maturity
Tomato				
Beefmaster Hybrid	Large	I	One of the most popular hybrid beefsteak-types. Has strong vines and built-in resistance to wilt diseases. Solid, meaty, bright red tomatoes weigh up to 2 lbs. Better yields, larger fruits and good tolerance to cracking and splitting. Disease Resistance: V F N A St	80
BHN 444 Hybrid	Large	D	Reliable, all-around quality and healthy yields. Resistant to Tomato Spotted Wilt. Excellent yields of bright red, globe-shaped fruits are firm with smooth exteriors and a good flavor. Disease Resistance: V FF TSWV	75
Celebrity Hybrid	Large	Semi-D	Vigorous, disease resistant, high yield and exceptionally flavorful fruit. Medium sized, globe-shaped fruits are crack-resistant and average 7 oz. Semi-determinate. Disease Resistance: V FF N T A St	70
Jetsonic Hybrid	Large	I	A Jet Star type with large, bright red, 7 oz. firm fruits that are oblate to deep oblate shaped, with uniform, green shoulders and smooth skin. Vigorous plants.	68
Green Zebra	Medium	D	A unique tomato, Green Zebra features yellowish-green skin with dark green vertical stripes and emerald-green flesh. Green Zebra grows on determinate vines, so allow it to have its way. Stake it, remove occasional, but don't pinch back the top! This tart-sweet tomato has a mild flavor with a hint of lemony tartness. Enjoy sliced in salads and sandwiches or in salsas.	78
Arkansas Traveler	Heirloom Medium	I	Heirloom variety from stock seed discovered in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas and Missouri. Fruits are rough, medium-sized, about 6 oz., with an excellent, creamy, mild flavor. Highly adaptable.	90

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Cherokee Purple	Heirloom	I	A reliable producer of unusual, medium pink-purple fruits that appears brown in color, and average 8 to 12 oz., apiece. Fruits are round to oblate, with no cracking. Exhibits tolerance to mild drought as well as to common diseases.	80-90
Yellow Pear	Heirloom Cherry	I	Vigorous old variety produces high yields of 2", yellow-skinned, pear-shaped fruits with few seeds. Prolific yields and dependable performance.	78
Sungold Hybrid	Small	I	A bite-size golden-orange fruit growing in large clusters - thin-skinned, with a juicy flesh that holds its sweet, fresh-from-the-vine flavor. Very early, and a heavy cropper both outdoors and in greenhouses. Cascading trusses are smothered in fruits that remain ripe and ready for picking over long periods of time. Disease Resistance: V F N T	57
Sweet Chelsea Hybrid	Cherry	I	Tremendous 5 to 6 ft. vines yield loads of early, super-sweet, tender-skinned fruits. Vines multiple clusters of fruit at one time, each with 15 to 20 large cherries, 1 to 1-1/2" in diameter. Displays high crack-resistance and drought tolerance. Low in acid. Performs best when staked. Bears full-season. Disease Resistance: V FF N T	64
Juliet Hybrid	Grape	I	Clusters of unusual, sweet-flavored fruits cling to the vine longer than any other cherry tomato. Glossy, red-skinned, crack resistant fruits weigh 1 oz. each.	60
Sprite	Grape	D	A great plant for small spaces the small red oval grape tomatoes appear in large numbers on more compact determinate plants. There is no sacrifice in fruit quality, productivity or flavor from these shorter plants, the taste is sweet and skins are thin and crisp.	60
Enchantment	Roma	I	Fruits of this hybrid tomato weigh about 4 oz. each. Needs staking or caging to effectively produce fabulous, long, plum-shaped tomatoes. Large bunches of oval-shaped tomatoes with apple green shoulders laden vigorous, indeterminate disease-resistant plants. A great tasting tomato with a pleasing, firm texture that never becomes mealy. Its tart-sweet taste is perfect for fresh salsa. Disease Resistance: V FF N	
Tomatillo				
Toma Verde			A member of the tomato family, but not a real tomato. Round green tomatillos have a papery husk that is removed before preparing. Vining plants are easily grown and prolific. Flavor is sweet yet tart and wonderful in green Mexican salsa and other Mexican and Southwestern dishes.	75
Peppers				
Big Bertha Hybrid	Sweet Bell		Extra-large, mostly 4-lobed, fruits mature up to a full 7" long by 3-1/2" across, turning deep green to red, with full-season fruiting. Resists Tobacco Mosaic. Upright plants grow 25 to 30".	70
TAM Jalapeno #1	Mild		This mildly pungent pepper matures early, and is just right for pickling. This variety is About half as hot as a regular jalapeno with the same size, shape, flavor, and more productive. Semi compact, 22 to 24" plants yield plenty of the cylindrical fruits, colored medium green to red.	65-70

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Golden Summer Hybrid	Yellow Sweet Bell		Best golden pepper for superior fruit production and quality. Yields of mild and sweet fruits, with exceptionally thick walls, start out lime-green, and then turn a sunny gold at maturity.	70
Volcano	Mildly hot		Hungarian type with slightly taller plants and larger fruits than Hungarian Yellow Wax. Pendant borne fruits, 4 to 6" long, are glossy greenish-yellow to red at maturity and are mildly pungent averaging 2,000-4,000 scovilles. Excellent for pickling, roasting and fresh use.	60-70
Banana Supreme	Sweet Banana		An early Sweet Banana type with very high yields of yellow sweet peppers that ripen to bright red. Larger than the standard type, fruit is 8 inches long and 2 inches across, tapering to a point. Vigorous plants are medium to large, upright and spreading.	65
Eggplant				
Ichiban Hybrid			Long, slender deep purple, almost black, eggplant are of Asian origin, and have wonderful, mild flavor, perfect for Oriental dishes or simply splitting and grilling or roasting. Plants are very productive and feature foliage with a purple tinge as well as fruit with a purple calyx.	61
Listada de Gandia			This Italian heirloom eggplant is rightfully considered one of the most beautiful of all eggplants for its rich purple striping on creamy white skin. It also has a graceful teardrop to round shape with fruit that can grow to 6 inches long, although it is sometimes smaller. Mild white flesh is delicious and sweet with absolutely no hint of bitterness, making it an extremely versatile eggplant choice.	75
Pingtung Long			Named after its town of origin in Taiwan, this slender violet-purple eggplant becomes at least 12 inches long and has an excellent mild flavor and tender white flesh. One of its other attributes is an ability to thrive and produce continuous, large harvests despite summer heat and humidity. Great for slicing and using in Oriental or other cuisine.	70
Vittoria PS Hybrid			Cylindrical Italian eggplant that becomes about 10 inches long and 3 inches wide. Glossy deep purple skin with tender flesh that is perfect for slicing into Italian dishes, or marinating and grilling. Tall, upright plants set large numbers of these high-quality fruits.	61
Herbs				
Bronze Fennel - Foeniculum vulgare var.			A dramatic landscape plant as well as a culinary herb. The brownish bronze color is truly unique in our experience and deepens as the season wears on. The flavor and uses are similar to those for regular fennel. Fennel is also the host plant for the Black Swallowtail butterfly. 36"-48" in height.	
Salad burnet - Potterium sanguisorba			A pretty perennial that grows about a foot tall and produces white or rosy flowers. Leaves are used in salads for their cucumber-like flavor. Keeps growing from March through the first freeze. Salad Burnet a wonderfully delicate cucumber flavor in a very attractive hearty plant. Toss into salads; a real find for those who love the taste of cucumber, but find it somewhat difficult to digest.	

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Chives - <i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>			This clumping perennial grows 8"-12" inches high while spreading out. The onion-like flavor comes from the tops which are generally chopped finely, can be added to spreads and a variety of other dishes. The light lavender flowers can be used in salads also, just break the head apart. Needs full sun to part shade.	
Cinnamon Basil - <i>O. basilicum</i> var.			This spicy Mexican basil produces 2"-3" leaves and light lavender blooms. The spicy aroma is cinnamon, mint, with a touch of anise. The taste is cinnamon that is followed by a trace of anise and mint giving a warm pungency to the tongue.	
Sweet Dani Lemon Basil			An All American Selection winner this basil has large shiny leaves bursting with lemon flavor and scent. Reaching a height of 26-30 inches and being the strongest lemon basil, it has a 65% higher essential oil content. Use dried or frozen during the winter months.	
Italian large Leaf Basil - <i>Ocimum basilicum</i>			This variety is selected for maximum leaf production and dramatic flavor. Grows to a height of about 2 feet and continues to produce throughout the season. Excellent fresh or dried, Great for making pesto and other Mediterranean dishes. Easy to grow and slow to bolt.	
Greek Oregano - <i>Origanum heracleoticum</i>			This oregano has the true flavor that we have come to associate with pizza sauce and other Italian dishes. Form is upright with a low-growing spreading habit just 6-8" tall. The pungent dull green leaves exhibit some purpling at the tips with white flowers.	
Vulgare Oregano - <i>Origanum vulgare</i>			This perennial herb can grow to a height in excess of 2 ft. The leaves are used fresh or dried, particularly as a flavoring in Italian dishes. Stronger fragrance and flavor than Greek Oregano.	
Magic Carpet Thyme - <i>Thymus serpyllum</i>			This variety forms a 2" high compact carpet of tiny fragrant green leaves that are slightly wooly. It is covered with small carmine pink flowers from May to June. Make a lovely groundcover or to fill in a walkway. Avoid planting in very cold or wet areas. Prefers full sun.	
Pineapple sage - <i>Salvia elegans</i>			Grows to 4 feet with lush green leaves and has red flowers that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Use the leaves in teas, drinks and dishes to add a pineapple flavor. Brilliant red flowers appear in summer and fall when given medium sun exposure, it is tolerant of heat. The plant can grow to 6 foot in height.	
Society garlic - <i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>			This is a tough, attractive and normally evergreen perennial that produces 18" stems of bright lavender-pink flowers in heavy bloom cycles spring, summer and fall. It slowly clumps out and can be divided at any for extra plants. Can grow almost anywhere in full sun or light shade and it tolerates occasional wet or drought.	

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