

Skyfire Garden Seeds

2012 Catalog



I'm not mailing out printed catalogs anymore. I would have to print them myself. Mailing fewer catalogs also saves a couple thousand sheets of paper from ending up in the recycling bin.

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Vegetable, flower and herb seeds for the home gardener

Several more rare heirloom tomatoes this year!

Heirloom seeds and standard varieties
Old favorites that have stood the test of time
All open-pollinated (no hybrids)
Heirloom tomatoes, beans, corn, peppers, and more
Colorful flower and vegetable seed mixes
No GMO seeds
No treated seeds

Instructions on all seed packets

All seeds only \$2.00 per packet

Goals:

To make heirloom seeds and rare varieties more available.

To help gardeners find varieties that will tolerate very hot summers.

To provide older, standard varieties that have been favorites for years and are adapted to many climate regions of the US.

Specialties:

Heirloom tomatoes in lots of different sizes and colors.

Colorful mixes of vegetables and flowers. Try something different this year!

Plants that are easy to grow. All the vegetables are easy to grow and only two varieties have any special needs (see next column).

These seeds are:

Open-pollinated (non-hybrid)

Untreated (no fungicides or other chemicals added)

Non-GMO (no genetic engineering)

Heirlooms: What are they anyway?

There are two definitions of heirloom vegetables. One is any variety that was preserved for a number of years by home gardeners rather than seed companies. The other is any variety that is over 50 years old, often called a "standard" variety.

Amount of seed in a packet:

With most varieties, there will be more than enough seed for a home garden, usually more than in the packets one can purchase off the shelves in home and garden stores.

A small number of seeds have to be purchased at high wholesale prices. For these varieties, there will be fewer seeds in a packet, but probably still enough for the average home gardener. If you are like me, you like to try lots of varieties, but that can get costly at some companies! By making smaller packets of expensive seed, Skyfire Garden Seeds lets you try a new variety at lower cost. If you love it and you want to grow lots of it, just buy two packets. Quantities are listed in the catalog.

Ordering:

All packets are only \$2.00 each—we hope low prices allow you to try more heirloom varieties.

Mail order only. I cannot take credit cards at this time. Checks or money orders in US dollars only. Sales only in the US. (No sales to Minnesota or Hawaii.) Send to Skyfire Garden Seeds, 1313 23rd Road, Kanopolis, KS 67454. If you don't have an order form, you can print your order yourself, listing both type, variety and amount. For example, "Bean, Black Turtle, 2 packets"
Please tell me if substitutions are OK if a variety is out of stock.

Shipping and handling charges:

\$3.00 handling charge on all orders

Postage is \$0.20 per packet

Example: for 8 packets: 8 x \$0.20 = \$1.60

Add handling: \$3.00 + \$1.60 = \$4.60 total postage & handling

Terms of sale/money back guarantee:

All seeds are sold for planting or preservation purposes only. Do not eat seeds or use for sprouts.

Liability is strictly limited to replacement of seed or return of the purchase price of the seed. Seed is guaranteed for germination in the growing season of purchase only. By ordering seed, the buyer acknowledges this warranty.

All seeds meet or exceed USDA germination standards. Sometimes conditions during shipping can damage seeds (for example, overheating). If seeds don't germinate this season, we will refund your money or replace your seed.

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No phone: Sorry, I have a hearing disorder.

A catalog can be viewed or downloaded from the web site.

If we add new seeds after this catalog is printed, they will be on the web site. Pictures of some vegetables and flowers are on the Internet site. I'd love to put up more photos, but just can't find time. Google Images is great if you want to find photos. They have lots of great veggie and flower photo links.

Growing tips

Tips for mixes are on the next page.

All of the plants in this catalog are easy for most gardeners to grow. Of course, climate variations will affect outcome. I pick the standard varieties for their adaptability to a wide range of climates. One of the advantages of heirlooms can also be considered a disadvantage. They might be better adapted to some climates than the standard varieties. So if you live in their favorite ecosystem, you may get better crops with heirlooms. If you live outside their best climate, you get lower yields. The best way to know is to experiment.

Germination

Most of the varieties in the catalog have no special requirements. In fact, I chose 99% of them for ease of germination and care. The only "unusual" conditions are simple ones to accommodate. Some seeds need light, so they need to be sown on the surface or covered with just a tiny bit of light sand. An example is epazote (an herb, sow on the soil surface).

All of the seeds meet or exceed the USDA germination rate requirements, which vary by species. Germination will suffer if you plant seeds when the weather is too cold or too hot for a specific species. The best gardeners have the patience to wait for the right time. Packets contain instructions based on frost dates.

Seed packets need to be stored in a dry place. Don't store them in the refrigerator or other damp place (like a garage or basement). Seeds need to be kept cool. Don't leave them to overheat on your car's dashboard on a hot day or in front of any sunny window.

Have a great garden this year!

Dear gardening friends,

The Internet site may have a little more information than this catalog, but not much. Seed descriptions are all here, but there are a few photos online, but not many.

If you have Internet service, I may add a few new varieties after uploading the catalog. I'm getting better at resisting the urge to buy every seed in the universe though, so I might not add more. If I add something, I'll try to put a note with the description saying when it will be in stock. All the varieties indicated on the web site as "new for 2012" so far are in this catalog. I hope.

In 2011 we had less than adequate rain and a record number of days over 100 degrees. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, beans and a few other species just won't flower in that much heat, so you get very little food, if any. The pepper star of the season were Donkey Ears which set fruit even with that much heat. My most productive tomatoes were Santorini and Duke's cherry. They were smaller than usual, but set seed when other tomato plants didn't even look much like tomato plants.

The star of my garden for heat survival and taste was a summer squash called Lagenaria or Zuchetta. It had plenty of summer squash long after the regular squash died off. Really nice! I'm selling a new herb this year, summer savory. I especially like it on chicken. There are quite a few new tomatoes this year. Caro rich is named for nutrition: high in carotene.

There are a few new corns for roasting ears, corn flour (nice for those who can't eat wheat) and hominy. If you haven't tried roasting ears (under dent corn) you may be surprised how much they retain that old-fashioned corn taste. Modern hybrid sweet corns have often substituted sugar for flavor. The old-time corns can be a treat.

Remember, I'm also putting instructions on the seed packets now. Even for experienced gardeners, it can be hard to remember some of the details of planting seeds. Let me know if you find any typos.

Happy gardening and Happy New Year!
Micki

Note on growing the mixes in the catalog:

Please don't plant them as close as other seeds because thinning the seedlings will cause you to lose some of the diverse colors and flavors. For example, rainbow chard produces 5 colors of mature plants but you can only see two colors in the seedling stage. I planted about 30 feet of it last year and accidentally thinned out all but two of the yellow plants thinking I was pulling out white ones. For tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, etc., thinning will leave you with just the kinds with the fastest growing seedlings, so plant one seed per pot.

If you need a company that has more heirlooms, especially squash and corn, try Sandhill Preservation Center, 1878 230th Street, Calamus, Iowa 52729.

If you are looking for rare ornamentals, even shrubs and trees, try JL Hudson Seedsman, Star Route 2, Box 337, La Honda, CA 94020.

Both are small companies, which have black and white catalogs with no pictures. Prices are low at both companies.



A few notes about the catalog

All America Selections (AAS)

All America Selections are noted in the descriptions as AAS winners. I try to sell open-pollinated winners, as they have been proven excellent producers in a wide variety of climates.

Asterisks (*)

The asterisks preceding names of packets mean that they are mixes of several interesting, and often colorful, varieties of vegetables.

How to plant the mixes

Space farther apart than for single varieties because thinning will leave you with just the kinds with the fastest growing seedlings. You will reduce your variety. So for tomatoes, peppers and eggplant, plant just one seed per pot and grow every plant.

Organic Seed

The seeds grown organically are indicated right after the name of the variety. Some seeds are ordered from certified growers. If we grow them (in KS), organic methods are used, but we did not pay for certification. These state "grown in KS."

Safe Seed Pledge (no GMO)

Agriculture and seeds provide the basis upon which our lives depend. ...We pledge that we do not knowingly buy or sell genetically engineered seeds...Further, we wish to support...genetically diverse agricultural ecosystems... (see www.gene-watch.org)

Seed quantities

If seeds are listed by weight, the average number of seeds per ounce or gram is listed with the note at the top of the heading for the species.

What is an heirloom?

Heirlooms can be defined several ways. Most of my vegetable seeds fit at least one. 1. Any vegetable developed before hybrids became popular. 2. Any over 50 years old. 3. Those developed by home gardeners or hobby botanists. All are open pollinated.

Bean

See also Cowpea/Southern peas

Mexican beans

Soak 1 cup dry beans overnight. Drain. Add 3 cups water, 1 clove garlic, 3/4 tsp dried epazote (or 2 tsp fresh), 1 bay leaf & 1/2 tsp salt. Simmer 1 1/2 to 2 hours until beans are soft. Serve with rice or tortillas, salsa and a vegetable.

Bean/Bush/Dry

Anasazi (organic)

90-95 days. May have been originally grown by the Anasazi cliff dwellers of the American Southwest, this beautiful maroon and white bean is popular for soup or baked beans. Heirloom Jacob's Cattle bean. 1.5 ounce

Black Turtle Bean (organic)

85-105 days. Heirloom developed before 1806, first sold in US in 1832. Will stand very hot weather. Try this in Mexican dishes or instead of meat for a tasty vegetarian spaghetti sauce. Might need warmer soil than most beans to germinate. Rich flavor. 1.5 ounce

Soup, baked, refried beans note

All of the snap or wax or lima beans in the catalog make great dry beans that cook up tender or you can eat them as shell beans (beans that are too mature for snap beans, but the pods are green: steam them and eat the seeds).

Bean/Bush/Snap

*Colorful Bush Snap Bean Mix

45-60 days. A mixture of green, purple and yellow beans for eating fresh or canned. Have a colorful garden without having to buy more seed than you need. 1.5 ounce

Contender/Buff Valentine (organic)

40-55 days. Heat-tolerant plant grows 12-20 inches tall with 6-8 inch, dark green, stringless beans. Disease resistant, popular variety. Developed in 1949. Good dry bean, too. 1.5 ounce

Royal Burgundy/ Purple Queen (organic)

50-60 days. Stringless 5-6 inch purple pods are easy to find in the foliage. Snap beans turn green when cooked. High yields and resists bean beetles. Good in slightly cooler soils. Good dry bean, too. 1.5 ounce

Tendergreen Improved (organic)

45-56 days. AAS winner in 1933, it is a dependable, flavorful heirloom. The 5.5-7 inch pods are medium green and good fresh or canned. Good dry bean (soup or baked), too. 1.5 ounces

Bean/Bush/Wax

Dragon's Tongue/ Dragon Langerie/ Merveille de Piemonte/Horticultural Wax

55-60 days. This Dutch heirloom has 6-8 inch flat pods that are pale greenish yellow with purple stripes. Can be eaten as snap, shell or dry (soup) bean. Stripes disappear when bean is cooked. 1.5 ounce

Golden Wax, Improved/Topnotch (organic)

50-52 days. This hardy, compact disease resistant plant bears creamy yellow, straight 4-6 inch pods. Use fresh, canned or frozen. Very productive. Also good as a dry bean. 1.5 ounces

Bean/Lima/Bush

Fordhook 242/Mammoth Wonder/ Potato Lima

70-85 days. This AAS winner from 1945 is still the most popular bush lima as it has some drought and heat tolerance. Plants grow 16-20 inches. Fat ivory seeds. 50 seeds

Bean/Lima/Pole

*Pole Lima Mix

A mix of Christmas (red and white striped) and King of the Garden (White) pole limas. Taller than 5 feet but can be grown on a 5 foot fence. Use as lima or butterbeans. 40 seeds

Christmas/Large Speckled Calico/Giant Butter Bean

75-100 days. Also called Giant Calico Florida Pole Lima. Prolific vines climb 9-10 feet. Large white seeds with maroon spots have a rich flavor. Pretty bean bears well in very hot weather. 40 seeds

King of the Garden/Henderson's Leviathan/Large White Lima

85-95 days. Heirloom from 1883 and still popular. Vines are 8-10 feet long, but can be grown on a 5' fence. Very productive. 1.5 ounce

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Willow Leaf Lima

85 days to dry stage (butterbeans)
Vines at least 6 ft tall, but will grow on a 5 foot fence and spread out on top.
Very productive with small white seeds.
Heirloom baby lima introduced in 1891 by Burpee. Some drought and heat tolerance. 30 seeds

Bean/Pole/Snap

***Colorful Pole Snap Bean Mix**

A mixture of green, yellow, purple and speckled snap and wax pole beans. 1.5 ounce

Kentucky Wonder Green /Old Homestead /Texas Pole

58-72 days. This high-yielding green heirloom snap bean was introduced before 1864 and is still one of the most popular pole beans. 7-10 inch pods grow in clusters. Brown seeded. 1.5 ounce

Purple Pod / Purple Peacock

65-70 days. Pretty purple pods make this bean easy to see when picking. High-yielding heirloom from the Ozarks of Arkansas. 1.5 ounces

Rattlesnake/Preacher Bean

60-90 days. Beautiful heirloom with dark green pods are streaked with purple (streaks disappear when cooked). The 6-10 foot vines have good drought resistance. May not do as well in the North. Great taste, productive and freezes well. 1.5 ounce

Bean/Pole/Wax

Yellow Kentucky Wonder / Golden Podded Climbing Bean

65-70 days. Heirloom. Beautiful long yellow beans are almost stringless, prolific in milder climates. Everbearing. Pods are slightly flattened. 1.5 ounce

Bean/Soy

Edamame Be-Sweet 2001 (vegetable soybeans)

A Japanese treat that can be eaten in the shell stage (mature but with a green pod) or as dried beans. High yields of yellow beans. Just as easy to grow as bush snap beans. Eat as a snack with salt or use in salads or soups like any shell bean. 1 ounce

Beet/Garden

Vampiro (Beet/Carrot Juice Plus)

Use a juicer to get the juice from two carrots and one beet. Squeeze the juice from one to two oranges. Remove seeds. Mix and drink. Makes one tall glass.

***Colorful Beet Mix**

Nice mixture of red and golden beets. Tops make great greens, too. 200 seeds

Bull's Blood (organic)

60 days to roots; 35 days for baby greens. The tops are a very pretty dark purple-red with excellent flavor. Looks lovely in the garden and in your salads. Tops are as pretty as radicchio, but sweet and easy to grow. 100 seeds

Chioggia/Candystripe/Dulce de Chioggia/Bassano

55-65 days. Pretty red and white circle pattern when sliced. Pre 1840 heirloom from Italy is good for mild-flavored greens or beets. 200 seeds

Cylindra/Formanova/Butter Slicer

45-80 days. Long, smooth, red beet is popular because it makes uniform 1.5 to 2 inch slices. If left whole, it cooks faster than round beets, but has the same great taste. Nice Danish variety. Heirloom introduced in USA in 1892. 350 seeds

Detroit Dark Red

45-70 days. The most popular beet for home gardens, with blood-red 2.5-3 inch roots. Heirloom from 1892. Good keeper. 350 seeds

Detroit Golden/Yellow Detroit

50-55 days. Pretty round gold-yellow roots are best when young. Nice sweet flavor. Greens are good, too. 125 seeds

Ruby Queen

45-70 days. This dark red, round beet was an AAS winner in 1957. Green tops are tinged with maroon. Holds its shape even if crowded and does well on poor soils. 350 seeds

Broccoli

Broccoli Raab / Spring Rabini

60 days. A delicious broccoli-like vegetable that produces several small heads per plant. Try it steamed briefly and eaten in salads. Also produces nutritious early spring greens. This variety is fairly fast maturing. 300 seeds

Waltham Broccoli/Early Green Waltham Broccoli

60-95 days. The most popular broccoli, it was introduced in 1951. Can stand dry spells and fall cold. Dark green with medium-size heads and lots of side shoots for prolonged harvest. 300 seeds

Broomcorn

See Sorghum

Cabbage

***Colorful Cabbage Mix**

Mix of one red and two or three green cabbages. Heads should mature at different times to stretch season. Also good for baby greens. No Chinese cabbage because planting dates differ. 300 seeds

Chinese Michihili or Michihli

75 days. Mainly used for salads, but may be cooked. Loose head 20 inches tall and tapered. Tender, crisp, sweet. Plant any time for baby greens or plant in mid summer for heads. Great in Asian dishes. 300 seeds

Danish Ballhead/ True Hollander/Pennstate

85-110 days. Very popular heirloom introduced in 1887. The round, bluish-green, 5-7 pound heads do well in the North and were bred for excellent storage capability. This dependable all-purpose cabbage resists splitting. 300 seeds

Jersey Wakefield, Early/True American

60-75 days. Very popular heirloom was introduced in about 1840. Conical heads are about 5-7 inches in diameter and 10-15 inches tall. Will overwinter in some areas. 300 seeds

Pak Choi

The classic white stemmed cabbage for Asian cooking or baby greens. Does not form heads, but has a long stem and round leaf. If you want baby greens, they will be ready within 30 days, with full sized plants at 65 days. Cool weather plant. 300 seeds

Red Acre/Resistant Red Acre

75-100 days. Compact purple-red heads are just the right size for a small family. Stores well. Heirloom. One of the most popular red cabbages for home gardeners. 300 seeds

Savoy Perfection

90-95 days. Our favorite for salads and stir-fried vegetables. Nice dark leaves pack a lot of nutrition and the crinkled leaves look pretty in the garden. Have cold weather? The flavor improves with frost. 300 seeds

Carrot

A Note about carrots

Carrots originated in Afghanistan. Carrots usually need sandy or soft soil, but the shorter varieties will tolerate some heavy soil. Check the descriptions. 600-750 seeds/gram

Colorful carrot salad

Shred 3/4 cup each: orange, white and yellow carrots. Add 1 tsp lemon juice, 1/16 tsp nutmeg, 1/2 cup dried sweetened cranberries, & 1 cup sour cream, yogurt or mayo. Mix. Optional: 1 tsp sherry and/or 1 tbsp honey.

***Colorful Carrot Mix**

A mix of orange, white, purple, red-orange and yellow carrots to liven up your menu. Fun for kids. 2 grams

Amarillo

Sweet yellow to very pale orange root has a flavor a little different from orange carrots. Mix it with orange carrots for a decorative carrot salad, but best cooked. Rare seed. 2 grams

Atomic Red

75 days. A newer variety with a pretty red color that gets more intense with cooking. The color comes from lycopene, a healthy compound also found in red tomatoes. 1 gram

Brilliance

Very high beta-carotene content makes these carrots deep red/orange. Nantes type, coreless. 2 grams

Chantenay

69-72 days. Deep-orange stump-rooted variety is a 5-6 inch all-purpose carrot that keeps well. Heavy yields. 4 grams

Cosmic Purple (organic)

Fun new carrot, purple skin with yellow-orange core. Sweet, spicy flavor, 8" long. 1 gram

Danvers

65-75 days. Heat tolerant, deep orange carrot 7-7.5 inches long, grows in most soils. Eat fresh, frozen or canned. Dependable standard for the home gardener. 4 grams

Jaune de Doubs

70 days. This yellow heirloom from Europe is similar in shape to Chantenay carrots. It has been grown since the 16th century. Mild flavor. 2 grams

Kuroda

Oriental variety does well in many types of soil. Sweet, makes good juice. Should tolerate heat. 4 grams

Little Finger

50-68 days. Also called Lady Finger, this French variety was bred for gourmet baby carrots. Harvest when about the size of your index finger. Eat fresh, canned or pickled. 4 grams

Nantes/Early Coreless

62-70 days. This bright orange 6-7 inch carrot is a good keeper. It is good for home gardens because it can be left in the ground until fall. Eat fresh or frozen. 4 grams

Parisian/Parisiennne

A gourmet baby carrot. These round European heirloom baby carrots are orange and very sweet. Harvest at 1 to 1 1/2 inches. Small carrots are good for heavy soil or growing in containers. From 19th century Paris. 1 gram

Snow White

75-80 days. Pretty white carrot with green shoulders. Flavor milder than some carrots. Very nice cooked or raw. This one is worth trying. 2 grams

Tendersweet/Imperator 58

70-80 days. AAS winner. Also called Imperator 58. Deep orange carrot, 8-10 inches long. Stems have a purple tint. Very sweet. Good for freezing. 4 grams

Cauliflower

***Colorful Cauliflower Mix**

Mix of white, light green and purple cauliflower. 300 seeds

All-The-Year-Round cauliflower

70 days. Ideal for home gardens as it will keep in the garden for a long time. Sow several times for an even longer season. Freezes well. 400 seeds

Brocoverde/Romanesco broccolo

65-75 days. Late variety. Beautiful pale green, cone-shaped heads have more vitamin C and folic acid (a B vitamin) than other types. Italian variety. 200 seeds

Violetta Italia

85 days. Very pretty plant is easy to grow. The flavor is a little like broccoli. Purple heads will turn pale green on cooking. 200 seeds

Chard

See Swiss Chard

Collards

Georgia/Georgia Southern

Heirloom developed before 1880. Tolerates heat and poor soil. Light frosts improve the cabbage-like flavor. One of the most popular varieties. 1500 seeds

Corn

For Broomcorn, see Sorghum

A note about corn

Corn does not tolerate cold soil. If planted too early, it will rot. Consult your county extension agent or a good gardening book for the correct date in your area. 125-190 seeds/ounce

On Ornamental Corns

Dried ears of corn make great fall decorations. I think all corns are beautiful, but Hopi Blue, Bloody Butcher and Strawberry are very nice. If you want a mix of colors, try Indian Ornamental Flint corn.

Atole (hot Mexican milk beverage)

Mix 1/2 C masa or corn flour (made from dent, flint or flour corn) & 2 1/2 cups milk. Heat slowly, stirring often, until thick. Add 1/4 C brown sugar & 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts. If too thick, add milk. Tastes a little like cream of wheat.

Corn/Dent

Bloody Butcher

100-120 days. Versatile heirloom can be eaten very young (like sweet corn) or used for cornmeal. This heirloom has been around since 1845 and is famous for its height (10-12 feet), beautiful red ears, and fine flavor. 1.5 ounce

Hickory King Yellow

85-90 days. Heirloom yellow corn developed in the late 1800s. Great for hominy, grits or cornmeal, but makes good roasting ears, too. Ears have tight husks and plants grow 10-12 feet tall. 2 ounces

Landcaster Surecrop

110-120 days. Heirloom yellow corn developed by a Mennonite farmer, Mr. Hershey, in Pennsylvania about 1900. Ears 10-12 inches on plants 10-12 feet tall. Widely adapted. 2 ounce

Pencil Cobb

76-110 days. This is a fun one! Unusual ears have a pencil-thin cob. This is an old Shoepeg-type corn and should be sweet. Tolerates drought. Bread made from this smells terrific when baking! 2 ounce

Roasted or Grilled Corn

Have the coals ready in grill or heat oven to 400. Remove silk but not husks from ears of sweet or dent corn (at milk stage). Replace husk. Soak in water a minute or two. Drain. Cook 15-25 minutes. Remove husk and serve with butter and salt.

Silvermine

82 days. Heirloom roasting corn developed in Sibley, Ill. in 1890s by JA Beagley. High yield of 11-12 inch ears, resists worm damage and does well on poor soils. 2 ounce

Tennessee Red Cobb

100-120 days. Pre-1900 heirloom roasting corn. Dependable variety that is getting very hard to find. Many folks prefer the old roasting corns because they tend to have more flavor than the hybrids and less sugar. 1.0 ounce

Trucker's Favorite Yellow

95-105 days. Widely adapted but especially suited for the south, this is probably the best roasting ear corn, but can be used for corn flour. Yellow kernels on red cobs. 2 ounces

Corn/Flint

Indian Ornamental

110 days. Classic large ears for fall decorations, but makes great corn flour, too. Many different colors on each ear. Great for crafts and corn breads and makes the best pancakes I ever had. 2 ounces

Corn/Flour

A note on baking with flour, dent and flint corns

Corn flour is ground finer than corn meal. We have found that it works just as well as wheat flour in recipes for quick breads, pancakes, carrot cake, but not yeast breads. Great for people allergic to wheat. Check out the popping sorghum, too.

Hopi Blue

75-110 days. Ancient corn was a staple of the Hopi Indians in Arizona. Beautiful dark blue kernels grind into a light blue flour or corn meal. Stalks are 5 feet tall with 8 inch ears. 2 ounce

Corn/Pop

Strawberry Popcorn

100 days. The beautiful deep red kernels make it a favorite ornamental for wreaths and cornucopias or other fall decorations. Of course, you can also pop it and sit back and watch your favorite movie. Pops white. 1.5 ounces

Corn/Sweet

Country Gentleman/Shoe Peg

83-100 days. White sweet corn. Popular heirloom introduced in 1890. It grows 7-8 feet tall and has 7-8 inch ears with kernels in random pattern rather than rows. 2 ounce

Golden Bantam/Burpee's Golden Bantam

70-85 days. Old-fashioned flavorful yellow sweet corn introduced by Burpee in 1902. High yields on stalks 5-6 feet tall. Very popular with home gardeners. 2 ounce

Stowell's Evergreen

80-100 days. Heirloom with 9 inch white ears that won't ripen all at the same time, so home gardeners won't be swamped all at once. Two to 3 ears on 8-10 foot stalk. Nathan Stowell introduced this in 1848. 2 ounce

Cowpeas

BBQ Black-eyed Peas

Mix: 8 oz. black-eyed peas, 3/4 C rice, 3/4 C chopped onions, 1 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp pepper and 2 C water. Simmer 25 min. Add 1 C sliced carrots. Simmer 15 min. more, checking water so it doesn't totally dry. Add 2/3 C BBQ sauce. Heat. Sprinkle with bacon.

Red Ripper

70-85 days. An improved red-seeded vining variety. Very heat/drought tolerant. The 12-14 inch pods are delicious like "green beans," as shelled peas or dry peas. Nice red pods grow high over leaves so are easy to pick. 90 seeds

Cucumber

Cucumber salad

Peel and shred one large cucumber. Add 1/4 cup golden raisins, 2 tbsp chopped chives, 2 tbsp fresh dill (or 1 tsp dry), 1 cup yogurt or sour cream. Salt and pepper are optional. Decorate with edible flowers.

*Pickles Mix

A mix of several of the pickling cucumbers in the catalog. Pickling cucs can be used raw in salads when about the size of a medium-large dill pickle. 40 seeds

***Slicing Cuke Mix**

A mix of several of the slicing cucumbers in the catalog. 40 seeds

Boston Pickling Improved

50-55 days. Improved version of a pickling cucumber that has been around since the 1880s. High yields. 100 seeds

Delikatesse

60 days. Superior taste. Use for slicing or pickles. This German variety has light green 10 inch fruits. 100 seeds

Homemade Pickles (a bush type)

55-60 days. Bush plants are great for small garden. Harvest at from 1.5 to 6 inches, for baby or regular pickles. Good disease resistance. 100 seeds

Lemon cucumber

58-70 days. Also called Crystal Apple Cucumber. This drought tolerant cucumber is lemon-colored and lemon-sized when ripe. Good sliced or pickled. Very popular and a fun shape for salads. 100 seeds

Marketer/Early Green/Long Marketer

60-70 days. Smooth, dark green 8-9" AAS winner from 1943 can take more heat than other cucumbers, so you harvest fruit over a longer period. Prolific but becoming rare. 100 seeds

Marketmore 76 (organic)

58-76 days. Very popular slicing cucumber for cooler or warm climates. Dark green cucumbers 8-9 inches long with mild, sweet flavor. 50 seeds

Muncher Burpless

60 days. Used for slicing at around 9" or pickling when smaller. Very small spines. Considered burpless. Never bitter or tough. 50 seeds

Rhinish Pickle

Medium-sized fruit for slicing or pickling. Somewhat early, for temperate climates. European variety. 100 seeds

Straight 8

52-75 days. AAS winner in 1935. Excellent taste and tolerant to mosaic. Early and prolific producer of straight cucumbers about 8 inches long. 100 seeds

Sumter/Sumpter (organic)

55-60 days. Medium sized salad cucumber for North or South. Good disease resistance. 50 seeds

Suyo Long (organic)

Wonderful Asian cucumber has a little different taste than other kinds. Heirloom Chinese variety. Ribbed shape makes pretty slices. Spines wipe off easily. Heat resistant. 30 seeds

White Wonder

35-60 days. Very popular 7-9 inch long, does well in hot weather, heirloom introduced by W. Atlee Burpee in 1893. Ivory-colored when mature. For pickles or slicing. Very productive. 40 seeds

Eggplant

***Colorful Eggplant Mix**

A mix of most of the eggplants in the catalog. Different shapes and colors. Fun to grow. 40 seeds

Black Beauty (organic)

72-85 days from transplant. Very popular variety has pretty purple-black fruits on a 24-30 inch plant. Fine flavor. 40 seeds

Comprido Verde Claro/Jiló (organic)

75 days. Very rare heirloom. Bright green fluted, about 1-2 inches long. Turns red when seeds are ripe, which is past the edible stage. From Africa via Brazil. Jiló is the Brazilian name. Good in stir-fries. 25 seeds

Florentine Silk (organic)

Lavender-pink with white streaks on top, roundish, 3-6 inches depending on your climate. Very pretty, nice sweet mild taste. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Long Lavender White (organic)

A pretty white eggplant with lavender shading. It is long and slightly narrow, but a little wider than most Asian eggplants. Nice flavor and easy to grow. A few may be purple. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Long Purple (organic)

70-80 days from transplant. Great shape for even cooking during grilling. From the 1850s and still very popular. Fruit 8-10" by 2" on 25-35" plants. 40 seeds

Rosa Bianca (organic)

80-85 days from transplant. Beautiful Italian heirloom with no bitterness. Excellent tasting white fruit with pinkish-purple stripes. 30 seeds

Szechuan (organic)

Pear-shaped, medium-large, dark purple eggplant found on a botanical expedition to Asia. From the Seed Ambassadors Project of the Heritage Seed Library, UK. Grown in Kansas 30 seeds

Tamil (organic)

Very rare variety from India. Fruit is about 3 by 4 inches, green, white and lavender streaks. Very productive, heat tolerant and drought tolerant. Grown in Kansas. 35 seeds

Flowers

A note about flowers at Skyfire

All of the flower varieties in this catalog were chosen because they are very easy to grow. You will not need special pampering to get these to germinate. With normal care, you should have flowers on your dinner table all summer.

Flowers with edible parts

Amaranth Tricolor Splendens / Joseph's Coat Amaranth

Also called Summer Poinsettia & Chinese Spinach. Beautiful edible ornamental with brilliant red, yellow and green leaves. The leaves are cooked like spinach and tops of stems served like asparagus. Grows 3 ft tall. 2-300 seeds

Amaranthus caudatus/Love Lies Bleeding/Caudatus Red

60 days. Classic ornamental from before 1700. Leaves can be cooked like spinach, but this variety is usually grown for large, drooping, bright red flowers/seed heads. Gets 2-3 ft tall. Seeds also nutritious. 200 seeds or more

Basils

Basils are as decorative as they are delicious, so take a look at the Herb section of our catalog for several varieties and mixes. Some have leaves that are pretty and purple, while all have small flower stalks. Siam Queen is gorgeous! (See Herbs)

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Common herbs

The following herbs also have flowers that can decorate salads: Borage, Chives and Arugula. Read more about them in the Herb section of the catalog.

Nasturtiums, Jewel

Brilliant yellow, red, orange, pink, chamois, rose and some bicolor. Flowers are mild-flavored and beautiful in salads, while leaves are peppery like water cress. For cool weather. 35 seeds

Okra

This hibiscus relative is native to Africa. If corn grows in your climate, you can probably grow okra. It makes an attractive border and should be grown in full sun. Flowers are pretty and immature seed pods are edible. (See Okra)

Pink Okra (organic)

Pretty deep pink/magenta flowers with white centers on a 1' plant. Tiny pods. Pods are edible if picked early, but too tiny to be considered a vegetable. Great container plant: put three plants in a 12" pot and put them by the front door. Grown in KS. 20 seeds

Runner Beans

Some people grow them only for the pretty vines and dainty flowers, but the pods can be eaten when very small. Look under "Runner Beans."

Snap or Dry beans

The flowers of snap or dry beans (Phaseolus vulgaris) are edible. They taste like snap beans and are pretty in salads. If you use too many, the yield of beans will be low, but just before the first frost, why not? Or buy an extra packet! (See Beans)

Squash blossoms (free recipe with order if you ask)

The flowers of all the squash I sell are edible, as are all Cucurbita maxima, mixta, moshata and pepo. The stickers will soften when cooked. Saute gently in butter. Request a free chicken squash blossom soup recipe with any squash or pumpkin order.

Sunflower, Grey Striped Mammoth

This is the standard BIG sunflower grown for its single beautiful 10-12 inch yellow flower and edible seeds. 40 seeds

Flowers/non-edible

See also Ornamentals

A note about these varieties!

DO NOT EAT ANY PARTS OF THE PLANTS OR FLOWERS IN THIS CATEGORY.

*Butterfly Wildflower Mix

Attract butterflies to your garden with this mix of 25 flowers in brilliant colors. The mix is half annuals and half perennials, so you should have color, and butterflies, for years. Maturity dates vary for a long season of blooms. at least 200 seeds

Bachelor Button, Centaurea Mix

Bachelor buttons are also called cornflowers. This 2.5 foot plant needs full sun and will thrive in poor soil. Many colors in a florist strain of grandma's old favorite. 300 seeds

Cosmos *Skyfire Mix

Spice up the garden! Flowers in several colors with different petal shapes, on 30 to 42 inch plants. You'd have to buy 5 packets of seeds from other companies to get so many colors & shapes. Drought tolerant, easy to care for and prefers poor soil. 60-70 seeds

Cosmos Bright Lights Mix

Cosmos will do well even in poor soil. Mostly orange colored (some yellow, some red-orange) flowers on 30" plants. Easy to care for. 100 seeds

Cosmos Sensation

Cosmos are so easy to grow that they should be in every garden. Lots of 3 1/2 inch flowers in several colors on 36 inch tall plant with pretty fern-like foliage. Flowers resemble daisies. 100 seeds

Cosmos, Candy Stripe

Simple flowers with dainty pink edging have been a flower garden favorite for many years. Lovely cut flower. Nice for back border as it grows to 42" tall. Showy and easy to grow. Prefers poor soil. 50 seeds

Cosmos, Sea Shells

Grows to 36" tall, with lovely cone-shaped petals in several colors including reds, pinks, yellows and bi-colors. Easy to grow. Pretty planted as a border, or between vegetable plants and as cut flowers. 50 seeds

Echinacea/Purple Coneflower

Perennial, purple daisy-like flowers with dark centers attract butterflies. Grows in zones 3-10 in full sun. Should tolerate drought. Native to N. Am. Best flowering in 1-2 years. Blooms the first year if started early. 125 seeds

Four O'clock/Marvel of Peru

Bushy annuals about 2 feet tall and covered with flowers until frost. Flowers open late but stay open part of the morning. Yellow, pink and magenta. Old-fashioned favorite that is very easy to grow. 30 seeds

Marigold, Crackerjack Mixed

Improved version, more fully double, 24 inches tall. Yellow, orange and gold. Some books say to plant these with tomatoes to keep bugs away. 200 seeds

Marigold, Petite Mixed

Annual, 6-8 inches tall. May bloom as early as 9 weeks after planting. Excellent for borders, pots or bedding. Profuse bloomers. 200 seeds

Morning Glories: A NOTE

Morning glories cannot be shipped to Arizona.

Morning Glory Mix

Many colors on vines over 6 feet tall. Plant on a trellis or strings in full sun for a colorful display all summer. Red, blue, lavender, pink and white. 75 seeds

Morning Glory Mount Fuji (organic)

Pretty flowers are red/magenta or blue with white edges and almost ruffled. They look somewhat like petunias. Vines about 5-6 feet tall or grow in containers to hang down. Grown in KS. 10 seeds

Morning Glory, Grandpa Ott's (organic)

Beautiful purple flower with a red throat. Bavarian heirloom that grows to 15 feet and will self-sow every year. Very hardy. One of the flowers that inspired Seed Savers Exchange. Grown in Kansas. 50 seeds

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Morning Glory/Chinese (organic)

Pale Blue flowers look like Heavenly Blue morning glory. Seeds germinate rapidly if you soak them over night before planting. Very pretty with vines to 10 feet or so. Can be transplanted when small. Needs warm soil. Grown in KS. Probably I. nil species. 35 seeds

Scarlet Flax

Hardy annual 1-2 feet tall, this charming red flower is native to north Africa and southern Europe, but grows anywhere in US. Can tolerate very hot weather and drought, but doesn't transplant well. Grow in full sun where you can show them off! Not edible. 150 seeds

Sunflower, "for the birds"

If you want to attract birds to your garden, these sunflowers will set seeds that they love. These seeds are too small to be eaten by people. Contains small and large flowering varieties on tall plants. 70 seeds

Sunflower, *cut flower mix

A new mix for 2009: at least 3 colors of small-seeded sunflowers in this catalog, plus 1 or 2 that are not in catalog, but very pretty. Each will produce lots of 3-5 inch diameter flowers. Plants are 4-6 feet tall. 70 seeds

Sunflower, Autumn Beauty

Yellow, bronze and purple shades in flowers up to 8 inches across on plant 60 inches tall. Many are long stemmed. Good cut flowers. Tolerates drought. 70 seeds

Sweet Pea Royal Mix

Sweet peas like cool weather and are prized for their fragrance. This mix contains several brilliant colors on vines 4 feet tall. Spring flower that may withstand some heat. 50 seeds

Toadflax/Spurred Snapdragon

Native to Morocco, this lovely little flower grows anywhere in the US. About 18 inches tall, the pink, white, yellow, and magenta/purple flowers grow on long spikes like snapdragons. Really charming! A friend asked me to carry these--so here they are! 2000 seeds

Torch/Mexican Sunflower

Tithonia rotundifolia. Red-orange flowers about 2-3 inches across. Blooms all summer on 4 foot bushy plant. Tolerates high heat and low water conditions 60 seeds

Yarrow, White

Genus Achillea. White flowers in umbels on a 18 to 24" perennial plant. Plant in full sun for summer blooms. For cut or dried flowers or landscape. Native to North America. Tolerates drought and heat. 500 seeds

Zinnia, California Giant Mixed

Under the right conditions the flowers can grow to 5 inches across. Among the flower colors you will find pink, yellow, burnt orange, white and red. Some will have 2 shades of the same color. Plant grows to 3 feet. 125 seeds

Zinnia, Persian Carpet

AAS winner in 1952. Smaller than most zinnias, these bloom in both solid and bi-colored petals. Mostly red, gold, cream, orange and burgundy, with some double flowers. Nice, delicate cut flowers. 150 seeds

Greens

Greens and Mushrooms

Saute 8 oz. sliced mushrooms in 2 Tbsp olive oil. Add about 1 lb chopped chard, kale and/or other favorite greens, 1 minced clove garlic, 1-2 Tbsp fresh thyme, 1/3 C broth & zest of 1 lemon. Simmer until tender. Serve over pasta or polenta or with bread.

Greens at Skyfire

Greens are extremely nutritious. You can find more of them under these headings: Beets, Collards, Herbs, Kale, Lettuce, Mustard, Spinach, Swiss chard and Turnips. Did you know that carrot tops can be added to soups?

Souffle with Greens

Mix 1 C milk, 2Tbsp cornstarch & 1 tsp salt. Heat slowly until thick. Turn off heat. Mix in 4 egg yolks, 1/2 C cheese and 2 cups chopped greens. Beat 5 eggs whites until stiff. Fold in. Bake at 350 in greased souffle dish until knife comes out clean.

***Micro Greens/Baby Greens**

You can grow your own special gourmet baby greens and enjoy the more delicate flavor of young plants. Have wonderful salads! Contains most or all of the following: arugula, beets, Swiss chard, kale, kohlrabi, mustard and lettuce. Cut at 2-4 inches high. 2-300 seeds

Malabar Spinach, Red

60-80 days. A warm weather spinach substitute, this is a 10 foot long tropical vine, but does well on a 5 foot trellis. Leaves keep well in refrigerator. Sow on surface: press into soil and keep warm. Can be transplanted. Best cooked. (Basella rubra) 15 seeds

Melokhiya/Mazzocchi/ Egyptian Spinach (organic)

(Corchorus olerarius) This deep green leafy vegetable is from Egypt, so it does very well in hot weather. Eat young leaves in salads mixed with other greens. Hang the branches to dry them for winter soups or stews. Mild flavor. Grows to 5 ft. Grown in KS 50-75 seeds

Utah Celery / Tall Utah 52-70R

98 days from transplant to celery stalks, 40 days to baby greens. Celery stalks can be hard to grow, but I'm listing this as a green, because the baby leaves are easy to grow and delicious in salads or soups: Cut leaves when only about 2 inches tall. 2 grams

Herbs/Culinary

Low-cal pesto

Place 1 cup basil leaves (mix lemon and Italian if desired), 1 clove chopped garlic, 1/3 cup walnuts, 1/4 cup parmesan cheese, 2 tbsp olive oil and 2 tbsp water or chicken broth. Blend. Serve with pasta.

***Herb mix (4 herbs)**

A mix of the most popular and easiest herbs: Use for windowsills or container gardens on balconies. Tiny yellowish seeds=arugula; big round=cilantro; tiny black=basil; flat brown=dill. 50-100

Arugula/Salad Rocket

55 days. Slightly peppery taste. Widely used in salads in Europe, mixed with lettuce and other greens. It also makes a pretty garnish. 100 seeds

Basil, *Colorful, Flavorful Mix

A mix of most of the varieties at Skyfire. Very pretty, tasty and the aromas will be wonderful. Ornamental and delicious! Be sure to let some make flowers. 350 seeds

Basil, Cinnamon

Wonderful cinnamon scent is used in teas and potpourris. Pretty lavender stems and flowers. 350 seeds

Basil, Clove Scented

Green leaves with clove-like scent. Wonderful in tea or just grow it as an ornamental. Can be used mixed with apples in cobblers and crisps. 350 seeds

Basil, Eritrean

Plant has a little purple tint, with green leaves and lavender flowers. Pretty with nice, spicy taste. African herb from Southern Exposure Seed Exchange. 75 seeds

Basil, Genovese

A popular sweet basil for pestos, this variety as 2" green leaves. Very nice fragrance and taste. 500 seeds

Basil, Large Leaf Italian

Classic sweet basil. I prefer this to lettuce in sandwiches. Try it in a "BLT" or turkey sandwich or make pesto for pasta. 500 seeds

Basil, lemon

See Basil, Sweet Dani

Basil, Mammoth (organic)

The same great taste of classic sweet basil, but with much larger leaves. A great size for sandwiches and the large size makes it easy to pick just the leaves to allow the stems to produce more basil. Basil is great with most tomato dishes. Grown in KS. 75-100 seeds

Basil, Purple Ruffles

AAS winner. Very popular as an ornamental. Purple leaves and pink flowers. A few plants will have green leaves, so start a few extra in pots. 200 seeds

Basil, Siam Queen

AAS winner. The prettiest basil, this anise-scented plant can be grown as a houseplant, so you can have fresh basil in the winter. Nice flowers, too. 100 seeds

Basil, Sweet Dani (lemon)

AAS winner has a stronger lemon flavor than regular lemon basil. We grow this and dry it use as tea or to add to other teas or in tomato dishes. Excellent plant. 100 seeds

Chives

Chives are very easy to grow. Put them in a pot in a sunny window in the winter and snip off what you need with a scissors. This perennial will grow about 6 inches tall. 500 seeds

Cilantro/Coriander

The seeds are called coriander. The leaves look like parsley and it is often called Chinese parsley, but it has a very different flavor than parsley. Popular in Mexican cuisine. Use in salsa or sprinkle on soups or salads. 150 seeds

Dill, Bouquet

Widely grown for seed heads used in pickling and for leaves used in salads such as cucumber salads and on potatoes and in other dishes. 400 seeds

Dill, Dukat

This is an improved variety of the old favorite and earlier to flower than most varieties. Try fresh dill on steamed or boiled, buttered new potatoes. Use seeds and leaves for pickling. Essential for cucumber salads! 400 seeds

Epazote

Easy to grow herb that is supposed to reduce gas when cooked with dry beans for soup or re-fried beans. Likes hot weather. Dry some for winter use. Adds wonderful fragrance to beans while cooking! 100 seeds

Garlic Chives

Very easy to grow. Nice delicate garlic flavor is great in lettuce salads, cucumber salads or sprinkled on potatoes. 150 seeds

Oregano, Italian

(*O. vulgare*) The standard Italian herb for pizza, spaghetti, etc. Easy to grow in pots. I plant 50-100 seeds in a 12 inch container for lots of small plants instead of waiting for one nursery-sized plant. Perennial, but overwinter inside in cold areas. 100 seeds min.

Parsley, Green Italian

This flat-leaf Italian parsley is more flavorful than the curly-leaved types. Parsley lives 2 years. Fresh parsley has so much more flavor than dried, so you will probably want to transplant some of it to the greenhouse or south window for the winter. 750seeds

Sage, broadleaf

Traditional herb for turkey stuffing and sausages. The tea has been used medicinally for centuries. 150 seeds

Summer Savory

60-70 days. Fresh leaves are wonderful in chicken, bean, summer squash and cabbage dishes. Begin cutting leaves when the plant is 6 inches tall. Can be dried for winter if cut just before it flowers. Plant with beans to repel Mexican bean beetles. 2 grams

Thyme

Thyme is easy to grow, but best started in pots, because the seeds are very small. It can be kept going from cuttings if it gets too leggy. Fresh thyme is wonderful sprinkled on salads or in soups or cheese sauce. 100 seeds min.

Kale***Colorful Kale Mix**

Mix of red and green kales. Try them as baby greens in salads and stir-fried dishes. 400 seeds

Lacinto Kale / Nero di Toscana / Dinosaur Kale

60-90 days. A very popular 18th century Italian heirloom, this kale has very ornamental 3 by 10 inch blue-green leaves. Very winter-hardy. 250 seeds

Red Russian/Ragged Jack (organic)

50-65 days. Originally from Siberia, this heirloom was brought to Canada about 1885. Very pretty red-purple-green leaves. Becoming popular. Frost tolerant. 400 seeds

Siberian Improved, Dwarf

60-70 days. Plants 12-15 inches tall. Slightly frilled edges on thick blue-green leaves. Easy to grow. 750 seeds

Kohlrabi

*Purple/White Mix

55-69 days. Mix of half purple and half white. Old favorite home garden varieties can be used for baby greens, too. 600 seeds

Early Purple Vienna

55-69 days. Also called Di Vienna Violetto. Old favorite home garden variety with purple bulbs 600 seeds

Early White Vienna

50-65 days. This mild-flavored member of the cabbage family was developed before 1860. Pale green bulbs develop just above the ground. Eat raw in salads or cook with butter or cream. Plant several sowings for a steady supply. 600 seeds

Lettuce

*Colorful Lettuce Mix

A mixture of colors in leaf, butterhead and romaine lettuces. Both green and red varieties. You will have some lovely salads! 1.5 grams

A note about lettuce

To extend your lettuce season, make several plantings. For lettuce that will mature in mid-summer, plant in shade and eat it young. If you pick just the outer leaves, the crop will last longer than if you harvest the whole plant at one time. 7-800 seeds/gram

Lettuce/Butterhead

All Year Round lettuce

64-75 days. English lettuce that stays solid in hot weather. Very slow to bolt. Good for the far north. Plant spring or late summer. 2 grams

Buttercrunch/Butter King/Buttercrunch Bibb

50-70 days. AAS winner from 1963. Large bibb lettuce is dark green with a reddish tint. Slow bolting lettuce developed at Cornell University. 2 grams

Kragener Sommer

58 days. Also called Butter Bow Head, this French butterhead was originally developed in Germany to withstand summer heat. Slow to bolt, medium size, midseason. 2 grams

Merveille de Quatre Saisons/Marvel of Four Seasons

45-70 days. Marvel of Four Seasons is a French Bibb type lettuce introduced about 1885. The outer leaves are reddish with cranberry tips and the hearts are pale green. Holds its excellent flavor in heat, but bolts. 2 grams

Mignonette Bronze/Early Surehead

65-67 days. Compact plant with green-bronze head that has a creamy interior. Slow to bolt in hot weather. Heirloom introduced in 1898. 1 gram

White Boston/Summer Unrivaled

60-75 days. Improved version of Big Boston, light green, no red. Good for hot climates like Florida. 2 grams

Lettuce/Leaf

Amish Deer Tongue

50 days. This Amish variety dates from the 1840s and is very popular with heirloom gardeners. Forms loose heads and is slow to bolt. 2 gram

Black Seeded Simpson

40-65 days. Standard green leaf, popular for many years. Stands heat and drought. Introduced in the 1850s. 2 grams

Cocarde

50 days. A beautiful, French, red-splashed oakleaf or arrowhead type. Fine, delicate flavor good for baby greens or full size. Bronze-red, green and white mix of colors on leaf. Slow bolting. 1 gram

Cracovienses

45-60 days. Beautiful, very long, wavy green leaves with a purple tint. This heirloom from Eastern Europe will retain its buttery flavor even in the heat. Pre-1885. Listed in Vilmorin as Asparagus Lettuce. 1 gram

Green Ice

45 days. Very slow to bolt, so you can enjoy its crisp, green, savoyed leaves longer. Glossy leaves are fringed. Less likely to be bitter than almost any other lettuce. 2 gram

Lolla Rossa Darkness

50 days. A Lolla Rosso type lettuce about 6 inches around. Intense red/burgundy color with very curly leaves and mild flavor. Cut and come again lettuce for spring or fall would be good for container gardening. 1 gram

Oakleaf (Baltimore Oakleaf)

38-60 days. Leaves actually look like oak leaves. Old-fashioned favorite that stands heat and doesn't get bitter. Very popular. Heirloom introduced in 1771. 2 grams

Red Sails

40-66 days. AAS winner is slow to bolt, so you can enjoy its ruffled red-bronze leaves longer than other lettuces. Much higher in vitamins A and C than supermarket lettuce. Grow in spring, summer or fall. PVP 1986. 1 gram

Rubin (organic)

50-60 days. Beautiful crinkled maroon leaves make lovely salads. Especially bright color in the cool weather of spring. Very showy! 1 gram

Salad Bowl, Green

45-68 days. AAS in 1952. Wavy, notched leaves will not get bitter in hot weather. Light green and fast growing. Planted in July in our 90+ heat, we had wonderful baby lettuce all through August and September. 2 grams

Salad Bowl, Red

45-50 days. Introduced in 1955, this lettuce is very slow to bolt so you will have a longer harvest period. Lobed leaves have a bronze tint with pale green interior leaves. Very popular. 2 grams

Sunset (organic)

AAS winner. One of the prettiest red leaf lettuces I have ever grown. It is heat tolerant. Hard to find now because it sets so few seed. A favorite at SSE's Heritage Farm and Skyfire Farm. 1 gram

Lettuce/Romaine

Freckles/Trout Back/ Forellenschluss

55-70 days. This heirloom is becoming very popular because of its beautiful, tender green leaves speckled with red. Resembles Speckles butterhead, but larger. 1 gram

Parris Island Cos

50-80 days. Very popular dark green 8-12 inch slightly savoyed leaves. Hearts are pale and sweet. Medium slow bolting. From 1952. 1.5 gram

Rouge D'Hiver

55-65 days. Also called Red Winter or Cimmaron, this beautiful European heirloom lettuce will tolerate heat if kept watered. Color varies from greenish red to dark red. I grow it every year in my own garden. 2 grams

Valmaine

70 days. Dark green, slightly savoyed leaves with a heart that blanches to creamy yellow. Developed in 1963 and becoming rare. 2 grams

Lima Beans

See Bean/Lima

Melon

See also Watermelon

***Melon mix**

A mix of at least 4 different melons from the catalog. You just haven't tasted melons until you have tasted home-grown vine-ripened melons. This selection gives you a lot of variety in the garden and kitchen. 30 seeds

Charentais

80-90 days. Small cantaloupe-like melon that heirloom gardeners love. Excellent flavor and fragrance. 25 seeds

Melon/Honeydew

Crenshaw

90-115 days. Produces 6-10 lb fruits with salmon to pink flesh. Very productive. Best in warm climates. 50 seeds

Honey Dew Green

105 days. High sugar content, small seed cavity, thick green flesh, and creamy rind without netting. Stores well. 50 seeds

Melon/Muskmelon (Cantaloupe)

Hale's Best Jumbo (organic)/ Hale's Best Original

75-85 days. One of the most popular melons for home growers. Introduced in 1923, drought resistant, salmon flesh, good flavor. 50 seeds

Honey Rock/Sugar Rock (organic)

74-88 days. AAS winner from 1933. It has a tough grayish green skin and thick deep salmon flesh. Fruit weighs 3-4 pounds and there should be 5-7 per plant. Good for the North. 40 seeds

Kansas Melon (organic)

90 days. Wonderful heirloom melon from Kansas has sweet orange flesh. Fruit is about 4 pounds with fine texture. Productive and hardy, this also resists sap beetles. 30 seeds

Minnesota Midget

60-100 days. The compact vines make it great for small gardens and the large crop of 4" melons are just right for a single person. Unique flavor and high sugar content. Developed in Minnesota in 1948. 30 seeds

Mustard Greens

***Fancy Mustard Mix**

Pretty mix of red, old fashioned green, Southern Giant, and mizuna. 500 seeds

Giant Red

45-60 days. A pretty Japanese variety, with deep purplish-red savoyed leaves and white ribs. Slow to bolt. Strong flavor. Often used pickled. Becoming very popular. 500 seeds

Mizuna

40-45 days; 21 days for baby greens. This is a Japanese variety with white stems and deeply cut green leaves. Will regrow after cutting, so you have greens over a long period. Good in stir-fried vegetables or baby greens for salads. 500 seeds

Old Fashioned Mustard

40-50 days. Excellent mustard for salads. Bolts early but the fine flavor keeps it a popular vegetable. 500 seeds

Southern Giant Curled

35-60 days. The most popular mustard for home gardeners. Sow spring or fall. Cold resistant. 1000 seeds

Okra

***Colorful Okra Mix**

Can't decide which okra to plant? Buy this and try several. Mix of at least 3 varieties, one red and two green okras: Burgundy, Clemson and Cow Horn. (All edible: Pink ornamental Okra not included.) 125 seeds

Burgundy

50-60 days. Also called Red Burgundy. AAS winner in 1988. Pretty 4-5 foot tall plant has green leaves, burgundy stems and burgundy pods. Another vegetable you might want in the flower garden: okra has pretty flowers. 200 seeds

Burmese

60 days. Heirloom from Burma. usually spineless pods, mostly light green. Pods are supposed to be tender at 10", but mine were better at 4". Plants only about 4' high, but very productive. Dry pods tend to split. 75 seeds

Clemson Spineless

55 days. AAS winner. The 6 inch long pods are produced on plants 3-4 feet tall. An old favorite, it also has pretty flowers. Heavy yields. 200 seeds

Cow Horn

Heirloom, hard to find. Up to 7 feet tall with 10 inch pods that actually taste best at the more usual size of about 3-4 inches. 125 seeds

Dwarf Lee (organic)

Limited supply. Plants are great for small gardens--only about 3 feet tall, but produce average size green pods, 4-7 inches. Grown in Kansas. 75 seeds

Jing Orange

In limited supply. Beautiful plants with red tinged leaves and red pods that have a slight orange cast. Pods are about 4 inches long. Flowers are yellow. Grown in Kansas. 75 seeds

Onions

Burrell's Yellow Valencia

115-120 days. All American Selection. For areas that have long summer days, that is, the northern half of the country. Large, bronze globes are superior to Sweet Spanish. Green onion use, too. 750 seeds

Red Burgundy

Medium-large bulbs with dark red skin. Short day variety (grows best from Kansas south). Can be stored for a short time. 750 seeds

Tropeana Tonda

110 days. Excellent flavored, large, European, top-shaped, violet-red onion for fresh use but it stores well, too. Short to intermediate day. Use as green onions or bulbs. 1.5 gram

Ornamental, Edible

Ornamental Corn

Dried ears of corn make great fall decorations. I think all corns are beautiful, especially Hopi Blue, Bloody Butcher and Strawberry. If you want a mix of colors, buy Indian Ornamental. For Broomcorn, see Sorghum section.

Ornamental Greens

Sunset and Lolla Rossa lettuces and Rainbow Swiss Chard are as pretty as any flower. Red Russian Kale is also pretty.

Ornamental Okra

This hibiscus relative is native to Africa. If corn grows in your climate, you can probably grow okra. It makes an attractive border and should be grown in full sun. Flowers are pretty and immature seed pods are edible.

Ornamental Squashes

All of the pumpkins are considered ornamental, of course, especially the Red Warty Thing and Galeux D'eyesines. Winter squashes that are pretty are Kuri Red, Queensland Blue and Marina di Chioggi.

Ornamental, Non-edible

See also Flowers/non-edible

Bush Potato

Operculina brownii. Rare vine that resembles a morning glory, but grows only about 5 feet long. Small white flowers almost hidden in foliage. Nick and soak seeds overnight so they germinate faster. Does not produce edible tubers. 30 seeds

Pea/Edible Pod

Carouby de Mausanne

65 days. Very sweet, tender heirloom French sugar pea. Best picked when the pods just begin to swell with peas. Grows 6' tall or more. Long season. 100 seeds

Oregon Sugar Pod II Snow Peas

60-70 days. This is the flat Chinese Snow Pea that is so good in stir-fries. The 30 inch vines need little or no support (if grown close together) and are prolific producers of sweet light green pods. Mildew res. Freezes well. Very productive. 175 seeds

Sugar Ann

55-75 days. This sugar snap pea won the AAS in 1984, so quality is high. Only 24-30 inches tall so you can plant in double rows rather than on supports. Early. Pods are sweet and freeze well. 175 seeds

Sugar Snap

53-67 days. AAS winner, so you know it is good. Sugar snap peas are eaten like string beans, so you get more food with less work. Very sweet eaten raw or briefly steamed. Don't microwave. 48-72 inch vines need support. 175 seeds

Pea/Garden (Shelling)

Green pea salad

On a bed of chopped leaf lettuce, place peas (briefly cooked), shredded carrot and chopped green onion. Serve with honey mustard dressing (1 Tbsp each honey and mustard, 1/4 cup vinegar, 1/2 cup oil & 1 clove finely minced garlic.)

Lincoln

65-70 days. This heirloom from 1908 is called Homesteader. This very productive pea does very well in warm weather and also grows well in the North. Vines are 18-30" tall. 175 seeds

Little Marvel/Improved American Wonder

63 days. Introduced in 1900 and still one of the most popular peas. Bush vines are about 20 inches tall, with 3.5 inch dark green, plump pods. Dependable, great yields, unsurpassed quality. 175 seeds

Pepper

A note about peppers

If pepper plants still have fruit ripening when frost threatens, transplant them into a large pot and move them into the greenhouse or place in front of a very sunny window. Under proper conditions, they might survive and bear fruit again next year.

Salsa fresca (fresh salsa)

Dice 1/2 cup red tomatoes and 1/2 cup yellow/orange tomatoes, 1/4 cup bell peppers and 1/4 cup onions. Take seeds out of 1 Navajo (mild), or Romanian (medium) or mushroom (hot) chili. Mince very fine or blend with 1/4 cup tomatoes. Add 1/2 tsp salt. Mix.

Pepper/Hot

A warning about hot peppers!

The seeds of hot peppers are the hottest part! Do not touch your eyes after handling them! Even for planting them, it might be best to wear disposable gloves. Wear gloves to prepare the fresh peppers for cooking. Do not allow children to handle these!

*Hot Pepper Mix

A mixture of mild to very hot peppers that can be eaten green or red. Usually includes just the most popular varieties: Anaheim, Poblano and Jalapeno and sometimes Serrano. 30 seeds

Anaheim

70-90 days from transplant. Plants are 24-30 inches high with 6-8 inch long tapered chilis that are usually eaten green when they are slightly hot to medium hot, but will ripen to a bright red. Very popular. 75 seeds

Ancho (Poblano or Pasilla)

90 days. Called Poblano or Pasilla when fresh, Ancho when dried. A favorite for South-of-the-border recipes. Dark green fruits will turn brownish red when dry. 1000-1500 Scoville heat units. 30 seeds

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Jalapeno M

75 days from transplant. This is the fairly hot chili often used on nachos. It is usually used green, but will mature to red. Thick-walled fruits about 1" by 3.5 inches. Use fresh or canned. 60 seeds

Macskasarga/Yellow Cat (organic)

70 days from transplant. Very hot heirloom from Hungary. Lemon yellow, 3" long, thin fruit. Plants are productive and pretty. Similar to Lemon Drop peppers. Grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

Rachel (organic)

Prolific chili 1x2-2.5 inches on a plant 3.5-4 ft tall. Very nice mild-medium hot when pale green, very hot when red. Rare. Grown in Kansas. 20 seeds

Serrano

75-90 days from transplant. This very hot chili is about 1/2 inch wide and 2-2.5 inches long. This 24-35" plant is prolific and everbearing. Peppers start out green and mature red-orange, with medium thin flesh. 80 seeds

Sweet Hot Corn Bread

2 C corn flour (or half corn meal), 2 tsp baking powder, 1 tsp salt, 1/4-1/3 C sugar. Mix. Add 2 Tbsp oil, 2 eggs, 1 C milk and finely chopped mild to medium hot peppers to taste. Bake in greased pan at 350.

Pepper/Sweet

***Mixed Shapes Sweet Peppers**

A mix of at least 6 sweet peppers in the catalog. Includes bell and long slender peppers. A colorful mix of varieties will give you a lot of choices for salads, frying, or any recipe for sweet peppers. Fun selection! 35 seeds

Pepper/Sweet/Bell

***Colorful Sweet Bell Mix**

Mix of most of the sweet bell and semi-bell peppers in the catalog: green, red, yellow, orange, purple, cream, and chocolate (maroon). Colors will change as they mature. Delicious at any stage. Mostly heirlooms. 35 seeds

California Wonder

68-89 days from transplant. Everbearing plant 24-30 inches tall produces large green or red sweet peppers. One of the most popular and dependable varieties for the home gardener. 60 seeds

Chinese Giant (organic)

75-90 days. Large green bell peppers change to bright red. This heirloom was introduced by Burpee in 1900. Fruit is 6 by 4.5 inches with thick walls. 30 seeds

Choco/Sweet Chocolate (organic)

86 days. Elongated, thin bell, with a very different sweet flavor. Peppers are reddish chocolate/burgundy inside. Very productive. Not the same as Chocolate pepper. Grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

Golden California Wonder

70 days. Similar to the red California Wonder, but turns a pretty yellow with a orange tint when ripe. Delicious in sweet bell pepper soup. 50 seeds

Orange Bell (organic)

60 days to green, 90 to orange. An ordinary name for a pepper with extraordinary taste. Heritage Farm says it is the best-tasting orange pepper they have ever grown. High yields, too. 20 seeds

Orange Sun (organic)

75-80 days. Very nice green bell turns orange when ripe. Excellent flavor and thick flesh. Earlier than Orange Bell. The flavor is different from Orange Bell, but I can't say one is better. 30 seeds

Purple Beauty

75 days. Beautiful new pepper with mild, sweet flavor. Stays purple a long time before turning deep purple-red. Sturdy plants. Becoming very popular. 25 seeds

Red Belgian (organic)

80 days. Short, productive plants. Starts pale yellow > orange > red. Delicious flavor differs from ordinary sweet bells. Semi-bell shape: somewhat pointed end. Grown in Kansas. My favorite! Try stuffed with cheese or pickled. 20 seeds

Virginia's Door Knob (organic)

Early and very, very productive! Sort of rounded mini-bell, 1.5" Nice flavor. Good red or green, raw or cooked. Try stuffing with egg salad, etc. It makes red peppers earlier than most varieties. 24" tall. Heirloom from Virginia Parrish. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Zold Kalinkoi (organic)

80 days. This bell pepper is milder and sweeter in the green stage than any other I have tasted: excellent flavor. It starts out pale green then changes into a conventional red bell pepper. Average production. USDA PI 288939. Grown in KS. 25 seeds

Pepper/Sweet/Non-Bell

***Italian Frying Pepper Mix**

75-110 days. A mix of the red and yellow Corno di Toro. About 8 inches long, these are excellent Italian heirloom frying peppers. Fry, slice for salads or slit down the middle, fill with cheese and gently saute until cheese melts. Very nice! 50 seeds

Corno di Toro Giallo

90-110 days. Name means "yellow bull's horn" which indicates the shape. About 8 inches long, this is an excellent Italian frying pepper. Fry, slice for salads or slit down the middle, fill with cheese and gently saute until cheese melts. Very nice! 50 seeds

Corno di Toro Rosso

75-100 days. Name means "red bull's horn" which indicates the shape. About 8 inches long, this is an excellent Italian heirloom frying pepper. Fry, slice for salads or slit down the middle, fill with cheese and gently saute until cheese melts. Very nice! 50 seeds

Cubanelle Italian/Cubanelle Long Sweet Frying

65-70 days. Sweet Italian frying pepper about 4-6 inches long. Distinct flavor makes it very popular. Yellow-green irregular flesh when young and red when mature. Plants 24-30 inches tall. 50 seeds

Donkey Ears (organic)

90 days. Looks like an Anaheim chili, but never hot. One of the best tasting peppers ever. Stuff with cheese or make sauce. Tall plants are very productive. A seedsaver in Minn. found this heirloom in Butan, Bulgaria. Grown in KS. Takes hot weather well. 20 seeds

Jimmy Nardello's (organic)

75-80 days. Very popular Italian heirloom for frying, drying, salads, relishes, etc. Peppers are 5-8" long and about an inch wide at the top. Red when ripe, this sweet pepper has lots of flavor. 30 seeds

Pepperoncini, Italian

It actually a little bit of heat. 75 days. These are usually picked green about 2-3 inches long for canning. Thin walls and good flavor. If you haven't tried pickling your own peppers, you are missing a treat! Can also eat fresh. 30 seeds

Sweet Banana (Hungarian Wax Sweet)

58-75 days. This AAS winner is also called Yellow Banana. Heirloom variety from Hungary. Starts green, turns yellow, orange, then red. Prolific plant 16-24 inches tall bears sweet tapered peppers about 6 inches long. Heirloom from 1941. 75 seeds

Pumpkins

See also Squash/Winter

Some of the winter squash are also decorative, especially Marina di Chioggia, Red Kuri and Queensland Blue.

***Pumpkin, Mixed Sizes**

A variety of sizes, classic and flattened shapes, all orange pumpkins, for your Halloween decorating. Some are selected for good pie baking, but some are better carved into Jack O' Lanterns. No minis or mammoths, to make your seed spacing easier. 25 seeds

Cinderella-Rouge D'Etampes

84-100 days. Very popular for Halloween because of its bright orange skin. Popular with home gardeners because its bush vines take up only about 6 square feet and the flavor is excellent. 20-25 pounds. 12 seeds

Connecticut Field Pumpkin /Big Tom/Halloween /Yankee Cow Pumpkin

100-120 days. May be the most popular pumpkin in the US. Heirloom, pre-1700, used for decorations or animal feed. Classic Halloween carving pumpkin. 35 seeds

Fairy tale

100 days. Unique shape! Deep ridges in a tan-orange pumpkin 8 inches deep and 12-18 inches wide. Bred for great taste from 3 heirlooms, you can use this like a winter squash. Stores well. 12 seeds

Galeux D'eyesines (Peanut pumpkin)

100 days. This is a popular French heirloom grown for the sweet orange flesh and as a real conversation piece. It has orange skin, but looks like it is covered with peanut shells. You need some of these in with your halloween decorations and pies. 14 seeds

Jack O' Lantern

75-115 days. Orange, with shallow ribs, this is great for carving, but also makes good pie. This 10-18 lb pumpkin also stores well. 25 seeds

Jarradale

100 days. Blue-grey skin on a slightly flattened, deeply-ribbed pumpkin from 6-10 pounds. Australian variety has thick, sweet orange flesh with very good flavor and long storage qualities. It is becoming more popular in the US. 15 seeds

Red Warty Thing

100 days. You wouldn't expect such a decorative orange pumpkin/squash to have such great taste, but it does. Covered with bumps, this squash grows up to 14 inches across. Hubbard type so it stores very well. 12 seeds

Small Sugar

80-118 days. One of the most popular pie pumpkins because of its flavor, texture and practical size. Orange with light ribs, 8-12 inch diameter, 5-8 pounds. Also called New England Pie. 30 seeds

Radish

***Jelly Bean Mix**

25-40 days. Colorful mixture of many varieties to brighten up your salads. Great fun for kids, too. 350 seeds

Cherry Belle (organic)

20-30 days. AAS winner in 1949. This round red radish from Holland is a good keeper. Excellent for either early or late sowings. 200 seeds

Comet

23-26 days. AAS winner in 1936. Globe shaped red root is best when 1 inch diameter or smaller. Crisp and doesn't get pithy as fast as most radishes, which makes the season longer. 350 seeds

French Breakfast

20-30 days. Popular rose-scarlet radish with a white tip. Heirloom from 1880s. Top quality, pungent flavor. 350 seeds

German Giant/Parat

29 days. Large, round, scarlet radish with crisp white meat. You can harvest it any where from marble to baseball size without it getting woody. 350 seeds

Icicle, White

27-32 days. Also called Lady Finger. Standard long white radish since 1896. 350 seeds

Japanese Minowase (a Daikon)

Popular old Japanese radish can grow up to 24 inches long. Usually planted in summer. It can be eaten raw, cooked or pickled. Grate it raw into salads or into soup. 300 seeds

Purple Plum (organic)

25-30 days. Purple skin, white flesh, round. Should stay crisp and not get pithy as early as most radishes. Pretty. 300 seeds

Runner bean

Scarlet Runner

65-100 days. Heirloom brought to Europe in 1700s and to the America in the 1800s. Red flowers attract hummingbirds. Very young pods are edible, but vining plant is mostly grown for flowers. 20 seeds

Sorghum

Popping Sorghum

88 days. White seeds can be ground like corn for flour or popped like popcorn. It has a milder flavor than other sorghums and tastes like rice or millet. Grows 8 feet tall. Very drought tolerant. Seed head can be used as decoration. 3/4 ounce

Spinach

See also Greens

We have Egyptian Spinach (Melokhiya) listed in the "Greens" section.

Spinach pesto soup

Place 4 C raw spinach or spinach-like greens in pot. Mix with 2 Tbsp oil, 16 basil leaves, 1/2 C walnuts, 1/8 tsp pepper, 1 clove garlic, 1/4 tsp anise seed, 2 cooked potatoes, 2-3 C chicken broth. Simmer 15 min. Blend until smooth. Serve with Parmesan.

America

AAS winner in 1952. Dark green leaves similar to Bloomsdale, but will take a little more heat and needs less moisture. Sow in spring in long-day areas. 125 seeds

Bloomsdale

39-60 days. Probably the most popular variety of spinach, Bloomsdale has been around for many years (pre-1908 heirloom). Sow early for heavy yields of this very nutritious vegetable. 250 seeds

New Zealand

50-70 days. Also called Perpetual Spinach. Not a true spinach, but it tastes similar and is great in hot weather, so you can have "spinach" all summer. Brought to Europe by Captain Cook in the 1770s. Self sows in California. Best eaten cooked. 25 seeds

Squash and Pumpkins

Squash blossoms (free recipe with order if you ask)

The flowers of all the squash I sell are edible, as are all Cucurbita maxima, mixta, moshata and pepo. The stickers will soften when cooked. Saute gently in butter. Request a free chicken squash blossom soup recipe with any squash or pumpkin order.

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Squash/Summer

Skyfire summer squash

Slice summer squash 1/2 inch thick. Fry in butter or olive oil on one side until golden. Turn. Place a very thin slice of tomato on top, then sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Cover the pan and cook until the squash is just soft.

*Summer Squash Mix

A colorful mix of white, yellow and green summer squashes in various shapes: scalloped, crooknecked and straight (zucchini and similar). Nice mix of colors and shapes. 40 seeds

Caserta

50-57 days. AAS winner from 1949. Prolific, early cocozelle has light skin with dark green stripes. Pick when 4-6 inches. From the University of Connecticut. Excellent flavor. 20 seeds

Crookneck, Early Yellow Summer

42-60 days. Early version of yellow crookneck summer squash. Pick at 5-6 inches. Mild flavor. Introduced in 1900. 40 seeds

Lagenaria / Cucuzzi / Zuchetta

Great hot weather zucchini substitute. This is actually a gourd that is delicious when 6-18 inches long. Huge plants produce later than regular summer squash to extend your season. Vines can be HUGE: 15 feet or more but will drape on a 5 foot fence. 15 seeds

Lemon Squash (organic)

Pretty globe-shaped yellow squash about the size of a lemon. Small vines take up little space. This tasty heirloom is easy to grow and tolerates heat. Grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

Pallison or Patisson Juane et Verte

55-70 days. This nice French heirloom can be used as a pale scalloped summer squash but can mature to a striped winter squash for baking or a fine ornamental squash for fall decorations. I'm not sure of the exact spelling. Worth growing. 35 seeds

Prolific Straightneck

50 days. AAS winner from 1938 and still popular. Lemon yellow squash. Use just like yellow crookneck. Pick when 5-6 inches long for best quality. 35 seeds

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Scallop Early White Bush/White Patty Pan

47-65 days. Very popular white patty pan, so early it just might beat the squash bugs! Fine-flavored summer squash. 50 seeds

Tatume

45 days for summer squash, 130 days for orange decorative squash. Heirloom round zucchini with dark green stripes. Eat at 2-3 inches or allow to mature into a 6x9" orange pumpkin- or gourd-like squash. 35 seeds

Trombone/Tromboncino

Looks like a trombone. Very long, thin summer squash with a bulb at the end. Straight if grown on a trellis, but curved if grown on the ground. Use like a zucchini, but it has much more flavor. One of my favorites. This is a C. moschata. 12 seeds

Zucchini, Black

44-64 days. Also called Black Italian Marrow. Bush, productive, everbearing plant produces green-black zucchinis with fine flavor. Best when 6-8 inches long. Popular variety. 40 seeds

Zucchini, Round

Pretty round version of the favorite green zucchini. Decorative and it adds a little variety to your meals. 40 seeds

Squash/Winter

See also Pumpkins

Most of my pumpkins were selected because they also make good pies. The ones that store well will make good winter squash.

*Hubbard squash mix

100-110 days. Fruits from 5 to 20 pounds in a range of blues, greens and oranges. Shapes may vary and some may be warted. The original Hubbard was introduced before 1840. Decorative and good eating, these squash store well. 30 seeds

*Winter squash mix

A mix of 5 different winter squash. Different shapes and colors. Make pretty decorations in the fall and a lot of vitamin A-rich squash for winter. 25 seeds

* Asterisks indicate mixes

Acorn, Table Queen Bush

80-90 days. One of the best table squashes. Hard dark green shell with ribs and yellow to orange flesh. Prolific bush version can tolerate poor soil. Good keeper. 25 seeds

Banana, Pink Jumbo

105 days. Submarine-shaped squash with pinkish orange skin to about 24 inches long. This is used a lot for pumpkin pies because of the excellent sweet, dry, fine-grained flesh. Wonderful storage qualities. From around 1900. 25 seeds

Butternut Waltham

85-115 days. AAS winner. 3-6 lbs, high yields, stores well, yellow-orange flesh has nutty taste, very popular. Good keeper. 25 seeds

Cushaw Green Striped

75-115 days. Caribbean heirloom, pre-1893. Green stripes on creamy white hard skin, with sweet, fine-grained yellow flesh. Eat boiled, baked or in pies. Old favorite. 25 seeds

Gold nugget/Golden nugget

75-95 days. AAS winner 1966. Compact plants have nearly round fruit weighing 1-3 pounds; just right for as small garden or small family. Sweet yellow-orange flesh is fiberless. Table squash. Stores well. Bred in Fargo, ND. 25 seeds

Hubbard, Anna Swartz

90-100 days. Heirloom given to Anna Swartz in the 1950s. This teardrop-shaped 5-8 pound squash has a great flavor--similar to sweet potatoes. The hard shell means it will store very well for use all winter. 12 seeds

Hubbard, Blue

110 days. Large (10x15"), roundish with a neck at both ends. Thick, very sweet, fine-grained, yellow-orange flesh. Great for pies. Very popular. Hard rind so it keeps well. 20 seeds

Kuri, Red/Baby Red Hubbard/Orange Hokkaido/Red Kuri

92 days. This red-orange Japanese squash has a slightly tear-drop shape and smooth-textured flesh. The 4-7 lb fruits make good pies and great fall decorations. Delicious. 20 seeds

Long Island Cheese

108 days. Heirloom squash (1807) with tan skin and deep orange flesh. Lightly ribbed and flattened like a wheel of cheese. Used for pies in New York and New Jersey a long time ago. Stores very well. 20 seeds

Queensland Blue

115 days. Striking blue-grey color makes it great for decorations and excellent keeping qualities make it a good winter staple. About 8 pounds. Australia, 1932. 15 seeds

Vegetable Spaghetti/Spaghetti Squash

70-115 days. From Manchuria in 1890, this squash can be a low-cal pasta substitute. Just bake whole and scrape out the "spaghetti." Pick when the skin changes to tan and it will store up to 6 months. Very popular. 25 seeds

Swiss Chard**Perpetual Spinach Beet/Leaf Beet**

50-60 days. Old European strain of chard. Leaves are deep green with white ribs. Transplant to the greenhouse in the fall and have greens all winter. Our favorite. Good flavor. Tolerates some frost. 100 seeds

Rainbow/Five Color Silverbeet

60 days. This is the Australian Five Color Silverbeet. (Silverbeet is their term for chard.) Red, pink, yellow, orange and white center ribs of leaves are so pretty you might want them in the front of the flower garden. 150 seeds

Ruby/Rhubarb Chard/Strawberry (organic)

55-60 days. Very ornamental red stems. Leaves are crumpled dark green and have that great old-fashioned flavor. Yields all summer. 250 seeds

Tomato**A note about tomatoes**

Tomatoes don't set fruit well in extremely hot weather, but ones that do are indicated in descriptions. Determinate (DET) are shorter and often set just one batch of fruit. Indeterminate (IND) are taller, need staking and will keep producing until frost.

***Beefsteak mix**

If you want a colorful garden of big tomatoes to show off, this might be the packet for you. Yellow/Orange, Pink, White and, of course, Red varieties. Most of these will be heirlooms. 30 seeds

***Brandywine mix (organic)**

A mix of the four Brandywine tomatoes in the catalog: Red, Pink, Yellow and Black. Nice selection to brighten up your dinners! 30 seeds

***Cherry Tomato Mix**

This is a mix of several different colors of the cherry tomatoes in the catalog and maybe a few surprises that aren't listed. 30 seeds

***Fun Shapes Tomato Mix**

Different shapes and sizes and colors, mostly heirlooms and some not offered in the regular catalog because I have very little seed of each variety. 30 seeds

***Heat Tolerant Tomato Mix**

A mixture of all the tomatoes I have that should set fruit at higher temperatures than most. Let me know how they do in your area. Different mix every year, but the best ones are always in the mix. 30 seeds

***Heirloom Tomato Mix**

Grow tomatoes in a wide variety of colors and sizes from only one packet of seed. These will really decorate a salad! 30 seeds

***Prolific Tomato Mix 2012**

This is a mix of the most prolific of the varieties that I have grown in Kansas. Most of these are in the catalog separately. Red and yellow fruits of various sizes--mostly full-sized, but some cherries. 5-8 varieties. 30 seeds

Tomato/Orange-Yellow***Orange-Yellow Tomato Mix**

A mix of at least 4 of the yellow and orange tomatoes in the catalog. Sizes vary. If you have been nervous about trying yellow or orange tomatoes, this might be a good mix--you are sure to like at least one. 30 seeds

Amana Orange

80-90 days, Indet. Orange 1-2 pound beefsteak tomatoes with mild flavor. Heirloom from Amana, Iowa. 30 seeds

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Apelsin (organic)

New in 2010 thanks to my friend Mandy! Beautiful orange tomatoes on indet. plants. Originally from the Ukraine. Lots were ripe here by July 12th from transplants May 21st. The most productive tomato of 2009 for me. Great flavor, too. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Brandywine yellow (organic)

80-100 days. IND. Very large, very good quality, but not for places with extreme temperature variation. Potato leaf. Needs a long season. 30

Caro Rich

70-80 days. Indet. Named for the high carotene content, this heirloom produces 5-8 ounce beefsteak tomatoes that have a low-acid taste. Rich golden color. 30 seeds

Cherry, Blondkopfchen (organic)

75-80 days. Pretty, sweet, yellow cherry tomato from Germany (Gatersleben). Produces huge crop in climates like MI, MN, WI, NY, but medium crop in intense heat of KS. Heirloom, IND, 5-6 ft tall, flowers form in large clusters. Organic, grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Cherry, Dr. Carolyn (organic)

Large cherry, very productive, lemon yellow, nice acid flavor if eaten almost ripe, mild when fully ripe. Named after Dr. Carolyn Male (SSE member and author of 100 Heirloom Tomatoes). Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Cherry, Estonian Yellow (organic)

Small round yellow tomato will tolerate some cold. Heirloom from Tallinn. Flowers in large clusters. Fruit won't crack. Russian heirloom. Grown in KS. 25 seeds

Cherry, Golden Nugget

55-70 days from transplant: DET. Large yellow cherry tomato on 24 inch plant. Prolific. Mild flavor. Developed by Dr. James Baggett at Oregon State University. 30 seeds

Djena Lee's Golden Girl

80 days. An heirloom since 1929, originally grown by the Lee family in Minnesota. They say it won first prize at the Chicago Fair for 10 years in a row. IND. 30 seeds

Earl of Edgecombe (organic)

75 days. Beautiful bright orange 3" fruits. Heavy production in full sun, but mine did OK in partial shade. Very nice flavor. New Zealand heirloom. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Gelbe Dattlwein (organic)

1" yellow pears, flowers in huge clusters, very productive heirloom from Germany. IND plant, about 5' tall. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Giant Belgium Yellow

85-95 days. Indet. Heirloom from mid-late 1800s has golden yellow fruit with mild, low-acid taste. Smooth blossom end. Good yields of beautiful fruit. 30 seeds

Isis Candy

80 days. Indet. Low acid, sweet flavor. Creamy yellow-gold fruit. Named after an Egyptian goddess. Very productive. 30 seeds

Jumbo Jim Orange (organic)

80 days. Beautiful orange beefsteak, productive if your days don't get over 90 often. Great flavor. 10-16 oz. One of my favorites. Has few seeds. Grown in KS. 25 seeds

Kellogg's Breakfast

80-90 days. IND. This West Virginia heirloom was developed by Darrell Kellog. Lovely pale orange beefsteak with great flavor. Fruit can grow to 1-2 pounds in right conditions. 30 seeds

Manyel

80-90 days. Indet. This heirloom may be of Native American origin. Taste is outstanding--lemony rich. Fruit weighs 6 to 12 ounces and is a lovely yellow-gold. Wonderful flavor and prolific yield. 30 seeds

Poma Amoris Minora Lutea (organic)

75 days. Small yellow tomato, very productive, heirloom originally from Hortus Botanicus, Padua, Italy, 1553. Primitive type shown in herbals. Nice flavor. Grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

Romanian yellow (organic)

Very productive when I lived in Los Angeles and also in Kansas. Very nice round orange fruit about 3", meaty, prolific, excellent flavor. Indet. regular leaf. I've been growing this since 1988. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

White Rabbit (organic)

Tiny currant-sized yellow tomatoes on large indet. plants. Pretty plant with tomatoes growing in clusters. Grow by the garden gate for snacking or sprinkle over a salad. Very productive. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Woodlee Orange (organic)

75 days. Indet. Excellent production of baseball-sized golden globes with great rich complex flavor. This Iowa heirloom is a really high quality beefsteak tomato. 30 seeds

Tomato/Pink-purple**A note about pink and purple tomatoes**

Most of the tomatoes called "pink" or "purple" are more reddish with a slight pink or purple cast, so please don't expect pale pink or bright purple fruits. Expect great flavor though--some of the best heirlooms are pink.

Anna Russian

65-70 days. Indet. Russian heirloom with superb flavor. One-pound pink-red, heart-shaped fruit are very juicy. Wispy vines. 30 seeds

Arkansas Traveler

90 days. Indet. Not always a beauty, but taste is always fantastic. Heirloom beefsteak from the Ozarks, but adapted to many climates. Should grow anywhere beefsteaks thrive. 30 seeds

Brandywine, Pink (organic)

80-100 days from transplant. Pink version of the famous Amish heirloom. Fruit weighs 1/2 to 1 lb. Great taste. Potato leaf. 30 seeds

Caspian Pink

80 days from transplant; IND. This Russian heirloom is considered by some to taste even better than Brandywine. Fairly new in the US, it should gain popularity rapidly. 30 seeds

Cherokee Purple

75-85 days from transplant. Very popular pre-1890 heirloom, purplish-pinkish-brownish with heavy yields of large tomatoes, Mild but great flavor. Regular leaf. Probably originated in Tenn. 30 seeds

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Cherry, Valley Girl

70-75 days. Indet. Prolific, very sweet cherry tomato. Very productive in normal summers. Will set fruit OK at over 100 degrees. 30 seeds

Eva Purple Ball (organic)

75-80 days from transplant. Heirloom from Black Forest, Germany, late 1800s. Disease resistant 4-5 ounce tomato prefers heat and humidity. IND. 30 seeds

Giant Belgium Pink

82-90 days from transplant: IND. Huge fruits average 1-2 pounds but occasionally weigh 5 pounds. Low acid, mild flavor and very sweet. They say it has a high enough sugar content that some people make wine from it. Humm? 30 seeds

Kansas Depression (organic)

90 days. IND. 2/3 lb beefsteaks, good flavor. Heirloom. Potato leaf. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Lahman Pink (organic)

80-85 days. Indet. Meaty almost solid flesh with nice flavor, 3" fruit. IND. Good yield. Crack free. This Missouri heirloom from Grace Lahman has produced abundantly for people in CT, TN, IL and WI. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Madagascar

Small, sweet tomato. Nice size for salads. Noticeably early for a tall plant. Indet, regular leaf. Fairly early for a tall plant--my earliest tomato in 2009. 30 seeds

Mortgage Lifter

82 days. Heirloom tomato from the 1930s. Dark pink tomatoes weigh 1 pound and are very meaty, with few seeds. This delicious tomato was so popular, the breeder paid off his farm in 6 years selling the plants. 30 seeds

Nectar Rose (organic)

80 days. IND. Pretty 3-4 oz fruit makes great salad tomato. Very good taste. Heirloom. 30 seeds

Omar's Lebanese

75-80 days, Indet. Very productive in the northern half of the US (less in deep South). Meaty fruit with rich flavor can grow to over a pound each. Heirloom from the hills of Lebanon. 30 seeds

Pink Petticoat (organic)

80 days. Pretty, slightly pleated pink-red tomatoes. Medium size. IND. Sweet, nice flavor. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Ponderosa Pink

95 days. Indet. Extra-large pink beefsteak tomato, with fine low-acid flavor and few seeds. Very meaty. Usually 8-12 ounces, but can get up to a pound under the right conditions. Very productive. 30 seeds

Porter (organic)

75 days. There are at least two tomatoes named "Porter." This is a nearly-red, plum-shaped, medium-sized, meaty, heirloom tomato. Prolific, very drought- and heat-tolerant medium-sized plants. Reliable. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Prudens Purple/Prudence (organic)

70-85 days from transplant. One of the great heirlooms, it grows well in many climates and has 10-16 oz fruit with ridges. Potato leaf. Pink skin with meaty red flesh. 30 seeds

Purple Calabash (organic)

75-90 days. Unusual heirloom. Some people love the taste, some don't. Same for the looks. Purple-green-brown shoulders, medium-sized fruit, slightly pleated. Fairly good production if your climate isn't too hot. Grown in KS. 25 seeds

Tiffen Mennonite

75-85 days from transplant, IND. Heirloom round, dark pink, outstanding flavor, very productive, nice size for canning: can reach 4". IND. potato leaf. 30

Togo Trefle (organic)

80 days. Very productive in heat and drought. Small tomato from Togo in West Africa. Pretty pink-red tomato with fruity taste. IND. Organic, grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Tomato/Red***Red Heirloom Mix**

Just red heirloom tomatoes, beefsteaks, canning tomatoes, etc. All medium to large size, no cherries. 50 seeds

Alicante

72 days from transplant. English heirloom that is broiled for breakfast and still stays firm. Heavy crop of excellent red fruit. 40 seeds

Arumugam's Tomato (organic)

80 days, IND.. Nice little red tomato. Very productive in heat. Originally from a village in Tamil Nadu, India in 1997, where it is grown in the shade of banana trees. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Asimina (organic)

From Greece, good producer of 3" fruits, very meaty, good taste. Nice size for canning whole. Grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

Azteca 10

80 days from transplant, good flavor, no cracking, no scalding, 8 to 10 ounce. 30 seeds

Beefsteak, Red (organic)

80 days from transplant: IND. This classic, large, red, meaty beefsteak tomato is also called Red Ponderosa or Crimson Cushion. Sometimes a little ribbed, the sub-acid fruit grow to 10 ounces or larger. 30 seeds

Bellow (organic)

80 days. Indet. Nice-looking, very productive 3" tomatoes with very good flavor. Nice indet. regular leaf 5-6' tall plants. You won't be disappointed with this one. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Blaby Special (organic)

Very popular, productive heirloom tomato originally from Leicester, England from 1900-1948. Preserved in a seedbank in Netherlands. Small fruit with nice flavor. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Bonny Best

65-85 days from transplant: IND. 6-8 ounce round, meaty tomatoes. This heirloom will grow in almost any climate, but is especially good in the north. Eat fresh or can. Introduced in 1908. 50 seeds

Borgo Cellano (organic)

85 days, indet. High yield even in a terrible year of heat and drought. Pretty cherry tomatoes are slightly elongated with a tiny point on blossom end. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

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Box Car Willie

80 days from transplant: IND. This heirloom produces excellent yields of 10-16 ounce tomatoes for canning, freezing and fresh eating. Old-fashioned flavor and it resists cracking. 30 seeds

Brandywine, Red (organic)

80-100 days from transplant: IND. This famous Amish heirloom is named for Brandywine creek in Chester County PA. Large indeterminate vines produce tomatoes over 8 ounces. Not for humid climates. 30 seeds

Brazil (organic)

75 days. Very productive, 2 3/4", juicy. Great heirloom for salads. Grown in KS from seed originally obtained from a Seed Savers Exchange member. 30 seeds

Break O' Day (organic)

Round, medium size about 2 1/2", good taste, fairly early and productive. Plants not large: 4-5' tall, so good for smallish gardens. Grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

Burbank Self-Pruning and Early (organic)

79 days. Introduced by Luther Burbank in 1914s, the 2.5" round fruits have nice traditional tart taste. Indet 4' plants. Fairly productive heirloom. 30 seeds

Burwood Prize (organic)

Australian heirloom from about 1900 produced loads of 1.5" fruit in spite of mole damage. Excellent flavor. Nice size for salads. One of my most productive in 2009. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Charlie Chaplin

80 days. Indet. Beautiful medium-sized, bright red, deeply ridged fruit. Lovely flattened, ruffled shape makes gorgeous sliced tomatoes. Some are hollow, which makes a great stuffing tomato for tuna salad, etc. 30 seeds

Cherry, Anait (organic)

70 days, very productive cherry tomato with a different, fruity flavor. Originally from Tasmania. No cracking. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Cherry, Chadwick's (organic)

90 days. Indet. Excellent flavor and highly productive, which you would expect from any vegetable developed by the famous English horticulturalist Alan Chadwick. Grows in clusters of about 6 large cherry tomatoes. 25 seeds

Cherry, Dukes (organic)

75 days. Extremely productive! Slightly flattened fruit about 1" diameter. Heirloom from Dukes family in central Georgia. Tolerates heat--did well in our over 100 degree heat of 2011. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Cherry, Fence Row (organic)

75-85 days. Productive cherry tomato, very popular with seed collectors. Found growing in a Paril, IL fence row in 1975. Sets heavily in a variety of climates. Good flavor. Organic, grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Cherry, Grandpa's Minnesota Hardy (organic)

80 days. Very productive, IND. good flavor. From a Seed Savers Exchange member's father who grew it at least since 1959. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Cherry, Pelican (organic)

80-90 days. Produces lots of red cherry tomatoes on a vine about 3 ft tall. Good, sweet flavor. Tolerates drought and some heat. Organic, grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Cherry, Riesentraube

70 days from transplant: IND. This German heirloom was grown by the Pennsylvania Dutch as early as 1850. Name means "giant bunch of grapes" and it does produce large clusters of cherry tomatoes. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Cherry, Sugar Lump

65-75 days from transplant: IND. This heirloom from the 1800s really earns its name. The very sweet, deep red cherry tomatoes form in clusters of 6-12 fruits. 30 seeds

Cherry, Veracruzano (organic)

About 1/2" diameter currant type on 5-6' plants from Teziutlan. Very productive. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Cleopatra (organic)

70 days. Indet. Nice large cherry tomato about 1.5 inches, bright red with fruity sweet-tart taste. Does very well in heat, even in our 100 degree heat of 2011. Plants not large, so they won't take over. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

College Challenger (organic)

75 days, productive, round, med size, ripens well indoors, good taste. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Coustralee

75-85 days from transplant. IND. Very productive French heirloom beefsteak that can grow up to 2 pounds. 30 seeds

Creole

75-80 days from transplant. IND. Bred in Louisiana for hot, humid climates. High yield of good-quality, medium-size fruit. 30-seeds

Czech Select (organic)

Seems to produce well in heat, medium size. Grown in KS. 25 seeds

Delicious

77 days. Indet. Set a world's record for size at 6.5 pounds! This smooth red fruit will usually weigh around a pound and rarely cracks. Read up on how to grow tomatoes and maybe you will get a winner, too. 30 seeds

Druzba

80-90 days, Indet. Bulgarian heirloom with name that means friendship. Red tomato with pinkish shoulders. Sweet tart flavor. About 4" nearly round. High acid. Good keeper. Heavy set of fruit. 30 seeds

Ethyl Watkin's Finest/Best (organic)

70-75 days, indet.. compact regular leaf plants, good for growing in containers. This round medium to smallish, drought resistant, Australian tomato sets well in heat. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Gezahnte (organic)

Pleated, pear-shaped red heirloom tomato from Basel, Switzerland. The name means "toothed." Fruit is 3-4 inches long and slices are almost star-shaped. Very productive even in heat. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Homestead

82 days. Semi-Det. Meaty, medium-sized red fruits. Plants have great leaf cover for protecting fruit from sun. Resists cracking and Fusarium wilt. 30 seeds

Immune (organic)

65 days. Small plants (2') might do well in large pots. Round with some blight resistance. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Kremlin Chimbing Clock (organic)

80 days. indet. Big beefsteak (about 20 ounce max.) that can be very productive if weather isn't over 90 degrees too often. Good flavor, but the name is what makes it fun. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Long Keeper (organic)

78 days from transplant: IND. Medium-size red tomato. Bears a little bit better in heat than most. Plant late so you have a crop to pick just before frost. Even if not ripe, store at 60-70 degrees so they will ripen slowly over 1-3 months. Grown in KS. 35 seeds

Manalucie

75-95 days from transplant: IND. Deep red 6-8 ounce heirloom tomato is resistant to cracking and if picked pink, will ripen slowly, so you can have home-grown tomatoes after frost. Sets well in heat and humidity. Disease resistant. 30 seeds

Matina

60 days from transplant. German heirloom tomato, very early, loaded with 2-4 oz round red fruit with terrific flavor. Potato leaf. 30 seeds

Memory to Vavilov (organic)

65 days. DET. Compact plant with 1.5-2" fruit. Heirloom named after famous Russian plant scientist. Probably would do well in pots. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Moneymaker

75-80 days. IND. This 4 ounce round tomato sets in any weather. Reliable old English greenhouse tomato adapted to high humidity, but produced very well for me years ago in Southern California. Good old-fashioned tomato. 30 seeds

Mule Team

78 days from transplant: IND. The 8-10 ounce fruit have a slight tang. The name comes from the ability to withstand disease and tolerate drought. Good yield of meaty, red fruits. 30 seeds

Nepal (organic)

80 days. Indet. Large, deep red tomatoes have intense flavor. Good keepers, the fruit resists cracking. From the Himalayas, these tomatoes have good disease resistance and tolerate heat. 30 seeds

Pearson

80-90 days from transplant. Dependable tomato since 1910. Old-fashioned acid flavor makes it great for canning as well as fresh eating. Excellent yields of large fruit, even in hot, dry areas. 100 seeds

Peking (organic)

Heirloom. Heavy producer of salad-sized, round, red tomatoes. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Peron Sprayless

70 days from transplant. DET. Bush plants produce lots of 10 ounce deep red, round fruit with no pesticides. Originated in Greece. Very high vitamin C. 30-seeds

Polish Linguisa

73 days from transplant: IND. This heirloom from the 1800s was actually developed in New York. Very sweet, delicious, slightly pear-shaped 7-10 ounce fruit on a disease tolerant plant. 30 seeds

Pomodori a Grappiolo d'Inverno (organic)

80 days. 100 year old Italian variety. Name translates as "winter grapes" and they were bred to uproot the whole plant to hang upside down to ripen slowly for winter keeping. Small plum. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Principe Borghese

70-75 days from transplant: DET. This Italian heirloom is the one to grow for sun-dried tomatoes. The 1-2 ounce, meaty, plum-shaped fruits grow in clusters. 30 seeds

Prue (organic)

75-85 days. Very good flavor in a sauce or juice tomato. Fairly good yield. From a Mr. Prue who grew these in the 1940s. Grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

Red Fig (organic)

85 days. Small pear-shaped, with neck more slender than Red Pear and slightly yellowish tint. Heirloom documented to 1805 in Album Vilmorin. Mild flavor. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Reisetomate/Voyage (organic)

80 days. Strange, very strange. It looks like a fused cluster of cherry tomatoes, but is really one medium-large fruit. Don't even think about peeling it! Pull the lobes apart & eat like cherry tomatoes. Very productive German heirloom. Fun! Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Rutgers

75-100 days from transplant: DET. Dependable, crack-free 6-8 ounce tomato developed by Campbell's in 1928 and improved in 1940. Determinate plants are widely adapted and always a favorite because of its great flavor. Good for canning. 30 seeds

San Francisco Fog (organic)

75 days. Bred for warm days and cool nights of San Francisco Bay area. Red 2" round tasty fruit, productive. Grown in KS. 25 seeds

Santorini (organic)

Wow! Prolific through heat and drought, this flattened, slightly scalloped, red, 4 oz tomato has that old time flavor that you expect from an heirloom. IND plants get about 5 ft tall. My best salad tomato of 2002 and 2003. Organic, grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Siberian

48 days from transplant: DET. Yes, it is early! As the name might imply, it tolerates cold weather and is popular in short season areas. Tolerates shade. I suspect in hot summer areas, you might get a crop of these 3-5 ounce fruit before the heat arrives. 30 seeds

Silvery Fir Tree / Carrot Top Tomato

58 days. Det. Fun Russian tomato with unique leaves that look somewhat like carrot leaves--dissected. Bears heavy crops of 3 inch red, flattened fruits. Unusual plant. 30 seeds

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Super Sioux

70-80 days from transplant: IND. This prolific heirloom sets fruit in hot weather. Red, medium-sized tomato with old-fashioned flavor and good leaf cover to protect from sun. Crack resistant. 30 seeds

Thessaloniki

70-80 days from transplant. IND. Greek tomato introduced to the US in 1950s. Round, 4-6 oz. fruit, resists sunburn and cracking. Heavy production, tart-sweet taste. 30 seeds

Trip-L-Crop / Climbing Trip-L-Crop

90 days. Indet. Large vines can climb to 25 feet! Can produce up to 2 bushels of meaty red 6 inch red fruit per plant. Excellent slicing or canning tomato. 30 seeds

Trophy (organic)

80 days. This 1870 variety earns its name for productivity. Med size fruit, round. Shaker variety from the USDA collection. Did well in 90+ degree heat. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Ukrainian Poet (organic)

85 days, indet., 6' vines, regular leaf, beautiful 2.5" red pointed fruit with mild taste. For mid-to late season crop. Russian heirloom with a fun name. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Wagner (organic)

80-90 days. Heirloom. Medium-sized, prolific, dependable red tomato. Tolerates a little more heat than most tomatoes. Classic tomato taste. Last fruit of the season will ripen well indoors. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Wes (organic)

85 days. Large red tomatoes, 1 to 1.5 pounds on indeterminate vines. High yield in moderate climates, tolerable yield in extreme heat. Very good flavor. Organic, grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Yukon (organic)

55 days. Very early, does well in pots. Grows large plants in Seattle in cool summers. It is too hot in Kansas for it to produce well here. I originally got the seeds from Kelowna, Canada. Grown in KS. 25 seeds

Tomato/Red/Paste

Roasted Tomatoes

Mix 4-5 cloves finely minced garlic with 1/4 C olive oil. Slice 24 plum or paste tomatoes in half lengthwise. Place cut side up on cookie sheet. Put 1/4 tsp garlic oil on top of each. Bake 4 hours at 225. Serve on French bread or pasta. Store in fridge.

***Paste Tomato Mix**

A mix of 4 or more of the red paste tomatoes in the catalog. 30 seeds

Amish Paste

80 days. IND. Amish heirloom from Wisconsin, but originated in Lancaster, PA. Large, dark red fruits are acorn-shaped. 30 seeds

Bearo (organic)

The virtue of this plant is that it can get 12-15 feet tall. I use it to shade the greenhouse. It produces red paste tomatoes over a long season, but likes moist soil to be productive. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Heidi (organic)

75 days. Small roundish, very productive, thick walled paste, originally from Cameroon. Does well in very hot weather. Grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

Opalka

85 days. Indet. Great yield of 3-5 inch red paste tomatoes. Polish heirloom was brought to the U.S. in the early 1900s. Good for salads or paste. Excellent flavor. Wispy vines. 30 seeds

Red Sausage

75-85 days from transplant: IND. Very prolific heirloom paste tomato with few seeds. Lovely sausage shape resembles a hot chili pepper. Roma type up to 6" long. Great for sauce or catsup. Good flavor. 30 seeds

Rio Grande (organic)

75 days. Wonderful red paste tomato. High yield, great flavor, tolerates high temperatures, good for salads or canning. Originally from Italy. My best tomato of 2007. Grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

Roma (organic)

78 days from transplant, det. One of the most popular for paste and sauces. 3" plum/pear shaped red fruits. 30 seeds

Royal Chico (organic)

71 days from transplant. Determinate paste tomato with slightly pear-shaped fruits larger than Roma. Good leaf coverage. High yield. Becoming hard to find. Plants 2-3 feet tall. Organic, grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

San Marzano bush

75 days from transplant. This is the determinate variety, meaning it produces lots of tomatoes in a two week period so you have a shorter canning season. Same great flavor as other San Marzano tomatoes. 30 seeds

Wuhib (organic)

80 days. Bright red plum-shaped 2x2.5" very productive, meaty, paste or salad tomato. Grown in Kansas. 25 seeds

Tomato/The Other Colors

***Black Tomato Mix**

A mix of at least 4 of the black tomatoes listed in the catalog. Sizes vary. If you have been nervous about trying "black" tomatoes, you might be surprised--they aren't really black, just purplish with deep green/purple shoulders. 30 seeds

Alberta Peach

100 days. Det. Very pretty 3 ounce fruit is red and yellow striped. Very productive plum-shaped heirloom. 30 seeds

Berkeley Tie-Dye (organic)

80-85 days. Odd-shaped beefsteak, very pretty, mostly green with red stripes. I think the slices are pretty, but the green color turns non-heirloom-lovers off. Fair yield. Large plants so provide good support. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Black from Tula

75-85 days. Indet. This Russian heirloom weighs 8-12 ounces and is brown-purple with green shoulders. Rich flavor. Sets well in hot weather. Has been called one of the ugliest and best-tasting tomatoes in the world. 30 seeds

Black Krim (organic)

69-90 days from transplant: IND. This 8-12 ounce red-purple skinned heirloom is a winner in taste trials. Flesh has a red-green tint. Russian heirloom. 30 seeds

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Black Plum (organic)

80-85 days. Russian, 1.5 oz., small plum with dark stem end, prolific, good keeper. Popular heirloom. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

Black Truffle

75 days, Indet. Lovely 6-8 ounce heirloom tomato is pear-shaped and burgundy with purple-black undertones. Rich flavor has both sugar and acid. For slicing or salads. Pretty addition to your heirloom garden. 30 seeds

Brandywine, Black (organic)

80-100 days from transplant. Black-maroon version of the famous Amish heirloom. Fruit weighs 12 to 16 ounces. Great taste. Potato leaf. 30 seeds

Cherry, Brown Berry

70-80 days. IND. Good yield of brownish-brick-red large cherry fruit with excellent sweet fruity flavor. Slight acid. Good to wonderful flavor. 30

Dark Rose (organic)

Indet. mild, sweet flavor with some tartness, pinkish black, beefsteak. At least 5" tall. Fairly good yield, but Kansas weather is too hot for most beefsteaks. Grown in KS. 30 seeds

De Barao Black (organic)

75-85 days from transplant, IND. Very productive! Heirloom from Moldavia. Small tomatoes (2") make great sauce. Dark shoulders with red blossom end. Flavor is somewhat sweet. Grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

German Johnson

80 days. Indet. Potato-leaf vines with mild-tasting pink tomatoes with yellow shoulders. This heirloom originated in the South. Sometimes listed as a pink tomato. Nice beefsteak tomato. 30 seeds

Hillbilly/ West Virginia Hillbilly

85 days from transplant: IND. Huge, multicolored heirloom is yellow-orange with red streaks and low acid. Beefsteak type with 1-2 lb fruit. 30 seeds

Japanese Trifele Black

80 days. Indet. Beautiful, flavorful fruit is pear-shaped with reddish-black skin and green shoulders. Japanese heirloom. Potato leaf. 25 seeds

Mr. Stripey

80-90 days. Indet. English heirloom has meaty yellow and pink flesh. Highly productive with good flavor. Low acid beefsteak. 30 seeds

Oaxacan Jewel

75-100 days, Indet. This lovely Mexican heirloom has yellow-orange fruit with red streaks and a sweet, fruity flavor. Large beefsteak with few seeds, ripens well indoors. Worth growing. 30 seeds

Paul Robeson/Pol Robeson

75 days, Indet. This popular Russian heirloom originated in Siberia, so sets seed at low temps. Large, 4" roundish fruit is dark reddish-brown with green shoulders. Nice earthy flavor. 30 seeds

Rose Beauty (organic)

90 days. Kentucky heirloom grown by John Rose on Happy Top Mountain in 1920s. Huge yellow-cream fruit with pink blush. Sets well after very hot weather over in KS or all summer in KY, IL or MI. Nice mild flavor, very pretty. Organic, grown in Kansas. 30 seeds

Zapotec Oaxacan Ribbed

80-90 days. Indet. Pretty pleated variety makes nice sliced or stuffing tomatoes. Something different! Possibly a result of combining Zapotec Pink Pleated and Oaxacan Jewel Mexican heirlooms, as it is pink with a yellow blush. Often hollow for stuffing. 30 seeds

Turnip***Turnip mix**

A mix of all the turnips in the catalog that make edible roots. 1000 seeds

Golden Ball

38-70 days. 3-4 inch yellow, mild flavor somewhat like a rutabaga. Good mashed. Excellent variety for home gardens. Pre 1859 heirloom. 1000 seeds

Purple Top White Globe

55 days. The most popular turnip, it has been around since at least 1880. The young leaves are good greens and the sweet, fine-grained 5-6" root stores well. 1000 seeds

Seven top / Southern Prize

30-50 days. This turnip is just for greens. Tops are broad and tender. Very high in nutrients. Pre-1880 heirloom often grown in the winter in the South. Baby greens are the best tasting. 1000 seeds

Shogoin

60 days. Versatile vegetable can be used for greens at 30 days or white roots at 60-70 days. Harvest when 4-5 inches across. 1000 seeds

Watermelon***Watermelon mix**

A mix of 4 to 5 of the watermelons in the catalog. A nice mix of different colors and sizes. 20 seeds

Congo

AAS winner in 1950. Dark green, tough rind, very sweet, about 30-40 pounds. Developed for the South and Florida. 30 seeds

Crimson Sweet/Green and White Ruby

80-95 days. AAS winner 1964. Red flesh, high sugar, small seeds, green striped rind, 10x12", 25 lbs. Probably the most popular watermelon in US. 25 seeds

Desert King

85 days. Needs less water than most watermelons, hence the name. Pretty light green rind with nice very sweet yellow flesh. Rind is medium thickness. This one can stay on the vine for a month after it first ripens and still be good. 30 seeds

Georgia Rattlesnake

90 days. This Southern heirloom was developed in the 1830s. The 25-30 pound melon will grow in the North, too. Flesh is sweet and red. Named for the rattlesnake-liked stripes. 25 seeds

Moon & Stars Red (organic)

95-100 days. Famous heirloom from Missouri has large fruit with dark green skin and a few large yellow spots (moons) and lots of tiny ones (stars). 20 Seeds

Moon & Stars Yellow

90-95 days. Excellent flavor, 20-25 pounds. Green skin with "Moon & stars" spots. Nearly round. 20 seeds

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Mountain Hoosier

Heirloom from before 1937. Very sweet, up to 80 pounds. Bright red flesh. Very productive. 20 seeds

Orange Flesh Tendersweet / Tendersweet Orange

Long, green striped rind with deep orange flesh. 35-40 pounds. White seed with black tip. 20 seeds

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