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## Maple Farm's Seed & Planting Stock For 2026

- Distinctive Tomatoes
- Wonderberry
- Tomatillo, *Indian*
- Beans: *Gaucho & Black Coco*
- Cucumber, *Parade*
- Zucchini, *Black*
- Melon: *Nutmeg*
- Winter Squash: *Butterbush, Gill's Golden Pippin, Fisher's Acorn, & Honey Boat Delicata*
- Pumpkin, *Styrian Hulless*
- Turkish Rocket
- French Scorzonera
- Gobo, *Shosaku*
- Sweet Pepper: *Red Mini Bell*
- Egyptian Onions

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**Fellow adventurous gardeners,**

DRY is the word for 2025. AgCanada reports that's the condition for most of the country. In the Maple Farm area, the assessment is "Extreme Drought," a level even worse than "Severe Drought." I've never experienced water deprivation on a scale anything close to this. Many local wells went dry and historically dependable springs were reduced to a trickle or momentarily stopped flowing altogether.

This, of course, effects what we can offer. Our current list is the slimmest since our earliest years in operation. Thanks in advance for your understanding of our situation. In 2026, we'll work to restore inventories of some of your favorite selections.

Meanwhile, we're excited to introduce a new listing. We've always run trials in search of a flavorful and super early sweet pepper. What a delight to finally present you with a worthwhile find! Called "Red Mini Bell," it's provided, for some years now, red peppers in August and September from seed sown in May. The peppers are small but the plants are very productive. We're hoping you'll enjoy them as much as we do.

As always, we (including the helping hand of gardener/writer Janet Wallace) greatly appreciate your support in our efforts to help provide you and yours with healthy experiences and edible treasures.

Wishing you an uncommonly wonderful gardening season,

*Greg Wingate*

Welcome to the 2026 edition of

# **Mapple Farm**

a modest source of seed & plant stock, grown well off the beaten track.

*If you*

- enjoy discovering something different to plant and eat
- celebrate diversity
- appreciate finding value and quality in the overlooked, neglected or unusual realms of the edible growing world

*we hope to offer you something worth including in your gardening plans this year.*

Mapple Farm humbly takes pride in its affiliations with seed saving groups, Seeds of Diversity (Canada) and Seed Savers Exchange (U.S.)

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We also support The Safe Seed Project  
and have signed the following Safe Seed Pledge:

*Agriculture and seeds provide the basis upon which our lives depend. We must protect this foundation as a safe and genetically stable source for future generations. For the benefit of all farmers, gardeners and consumers who want an alternative, we pledge that we do not knowingly buy or sell genetically engineered seeds or plants. The mechanical transfer of genetic material outside of natural reproductive methods and between genera, families or kingdoms, poses great biological risks as well as economic, political, and cultural threats. We feel that genetically engineered varieties have been insufficiently tested prior to public release. More research and testing is necessary to further assess the potential risks of genetically engineered seeds. Further, we wish to support agricultural progress that leads to healthier soils, genetically diverse agricultural ecosystems and ultimately people and communities.*

**All are invited to support the Safe Seed Initiative. For information, contact:**

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*The experts, as their studies become focused on smaller and smaller fragments, soon find themselves wasting their lives in learning more and more about less and less ... Everywhere knowledge increases at the expense of understanding.* -Sir Albert Howard

*To cultivate one's garden is the politics of the humble man.*--Chinese Proverb

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Since you asked, why call it **Mapple** Farm? When we first laid eyes on the property where it was born, we were struck by the wealth and beauty of its maples and apples, favorite trees and flavors of ours. It seemed fitting to contrive a word which voiced this so, . . . "Mapple" . . . apple with an "M" in front, or maple with an extra "P".

# UNCOMMONLY GOOD BEANS

*(Phaseolus vulgaris)*

**BLACK COCO**—Superb as a fresh snap bean, a shell bean or dry bean; an excellent all-purpose bean choice. This heirloom bush plant yields big at all stages and its delicious flavor is renowned. When dried, the beans resemble plump, shiny, black marbles--delightful in soups, stews, dips and chili.

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**Bean Packets are 20 grams  
@ \$3.75 each**

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**GAUCHO**—Looking for something special to feature in your Latin American or Tex-Mex dishes? You'd hardly do better than this heirloom from Argentina. These burnt orange beauties provide hearty fulfillment inside burritos, enchiladas and so much more. The earliness of this bush plant to dry up makes it a cinch to work with.

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*In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.*  
-Margaret Atwood

*I am an old man but a young gardener.*  
-Thomas Jefferson

*We will be known by the tracks we leave behind.* -Dakota proverb

# OUTSTANDING PERENNIAL

## EGYPTIAN ONIONS

*(Allium cepa)*

Also known as topset, walking or winter onion, this is an extraordinarily hardy perennial. A popular standard in gardens a century ago, the Egyptian onion produces bulbs at ground level, huge onion greens (great for stuffing) and, atop the greens, clusters of pearl-sized onions--good picklers.

A very interesting plant to watch grow. As the topset onions enlarge, their weight forces the greens to bend down. When the topset onions then reach the ground, they root and the cycle begins again. We ship bulbs for fall planting.

6 bulbs/\$13.50    12 bulbs/\$19.95  
(Prices are Postpaid—shipping included.)

## SWEET PEPPER

*(Capsicum)*

### RED MINI BELL

After decades of trials, we've finally found a flavorful sweet pepper that ripens incredibly quickly in short season conditions. With seed sown even as late as early May, Red Mini Bell reliably transitions from green to red fruits in August through to September.

These 3-4 lobed peppers are small, about 2-3 inches (5-7.5 cm) in diameter, but the waist-high plants are very productive. They're ideal on kabobs or for appetizers when stuffed.

Packet: 20 seeds @ \$3.75

# DISTINCTIVE TOMATO SEED (*Lycopersicum esculentum*)

## EARLIEST REDS

**LATAH**--Over the years, we've tried hundreds of different varieties in the search for a good, early tomato. In this category, *Latah* is in a class by itself. It's given us mature fruit in July after starting from seed as late as May!

Even gardeners from the far north who thought growing a ripe tomato was impossible have become converts. In areas where blight is a common problem, *Latah* often crops before devastation sets in.

This bush variety pumps out 2 to 3 inch (5-7.5 cm) slightly flattened fruit with superb flavor through 'til frost. An exceptional find!

**BRADLEY**-- Though just after *Latah*, *Bradley*'s production is more concentrated early in the season. Amazing numbers of tomatoes on a fairly small bush plant. Its orange-to-red fruit is egg shaped and 2-3 inches (5-7.5 cm) long. Delicious and reliable, *Bradley* holds well on the plant--not a variety that demands just-in-time harvest or will soften or crack.

**MOUNT ROMA**--Densely packed with firm, meaty flesh, here's our favorite sauce/plum/paste type and top choice for green tomatoes--superb in chow and relish recipes. Bountiful crops on space-saving bush plants are ready in a hurry.

**BLACK PLUM**--This mid-season indeterminate yields some of the best tasting tomatoes around. Quite a complex flavoring, suggesting a natural smokiness and even tropical fruit undertones. Stunningly attractive, these 2.5"/6 cm "plums" offer tomatoes with a rare color: brown with a dark mahogany crown. Huge crop and super on the kabob or in salads.

**ITALIAN HEIRLOOM** -- At perhaps the largest tomato taste competition in North America, *Italian Heirloom* took top honors. And these are **big** red tomatoes! Our first specimen weighed over 650 g. All fruits are a pound or more. And yet they always start to mature for us in August.

## EARLY MARKET REDS

**NORTHERN DELIGHT**--The earliest "market-sized" (over 3 oz./85 g.) tomato we've come across. This bush variety has a lot going for it: great taste, terrific crack and disease resistance with big yields of red fruits.

**MOUNTAIN PRINCESS**--Just a touch later than *Northern Delight* with somewhat larger fruits and a greater overall yield. This Appalachian heirloom features soft-skinned tomatoes, very juicy delicacies.

**EARLY ANNIE**--Yes, Annie, this bush cultivar is early and a long time favorite of seed savers. Lots of 3" (7.5 cm) round, flavorful tomatoes.

**KALINKA**--From Belarus, this early bush selection's reputation is going global. For good reason: high-yielding clusters of tasty fruits, from 4 oz. (100+ g.) to twice that size.

**LEGEND** -- Unreal how early such large tomatoes ripen! Maybe it's because this determinate is parthenocarpic (able to set fruit without pollination). Four to five inch (10-12.5 cm) picture perfect round red fruit are wonderfully flavorful. Bonus: late blight resistance and nearly seedless (so not available in volume packs).

## SPECIALTIES

**WONDERBERRY** (*Solanum burbankii*)-- Also named *Sunberry*, *Wonderberries* are neither a tomato nor a garden huckleberry but are related to both. They hang in dozens of clusters on the plant. Each cluster carries 8 to 12 dark blueberry sized berries. Quick to ripen and prolific.

Their intriguing flavor makes for unique pies and jellies--plus a good dried fruit candidate. We're told it also makes an awfully good wine.

**INDIAN TOMATILLO** (*Physalis ixocarpa*)--Also known as *tomate verde* or *Mexican green tomato*, tomatillos grow like tomatoes but come naturally packaged in Chinese-lantern-like husks. Regarded as essential for a genuine salsa.

This particular strain yields tart green fruits for Mexican fare or, if left to ripen further, 2" (5 cm) golden fruits that are sweet and suggestive of citrus (prime, preserve material).

*Indian Tomatilloes* are early and productive.

All our seed listings are open-pollinated (non-hybrid).

packets on pages 4-5 contain 20 or more seeds @ \$3.75. Volume Packs hold 50 or more seeds @ \$5.50 each.

## **MINI REDS AND PURPLES**

**SWEET 100 RED OP**--"OP" stands for Open Pollinated to avoid confusion with the once popular hybrid version of this plant. This very large, productive indeterminate bears 1" (2.5 cm) round, red fruits with a perfect sweet-acid balance.

**UNA HARTSOCK**--Luscious, super juiciness in an elegant violet skin. Elongated--picture a grape but considerably larger. Unmatched color, taste and form. A very productive indeterminate.

**TEARDROP**--Usually torpedo-shaped, sometimes resembling a teardrop, the red fruit of this variety is a "cherry" of unique proportions. It has a nice crunchy firmness, a trait that makes it especially durable and relatively immune to cracks and splits.

**TOMMY TOE**--Our largest cherry fills up containers in record time. Bring lots of boxes because these large plants are ultra-high yielders of faultless, red fruits. A mid-season beauty widely known as a taste test champ.

## **SUPERB STORAGE**

**MYSTERY KEEPER**--We've tried a few "long keeper" type tomatoes but none has succeeded for us like *Mystery Keeper*. "Storage" tomatoes aren't meant to be eaten in season so there isn't the pressure to get them started and set out extra early for quickest production. Harvest just after they begin to lighten a bit from their greenest stage but before frost hits. Enjoy as they so gradually ripen indoors through fall and winter when tasteless, expensive tomatoes move onto store shelves.

Like other keepers, *Mystery Keeper* ripens from the inside out which takes some getting used to. While the outside skin may still be olive, orange or pink, once cut open, you'll find ripe red flesh, a touch more acid flavored than vine-ripened tomatoes.

The *Mystery Keeper* seeds we offer are the progeny of fruits harvested in late September/early October that lasted to Easter! They weren't coddled in any way--no wrapping, cold room, or special lighting conditions; just sitting in boxes or bowls on the kitchen counter.

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*I am way impressed with the Latah tomato. 11 March - "sowed" the seed . . . 4 July - eating Latah tomatoes! None of the other full size tomatoes are even close to harvest.*

**R.G., Constance Bay ON**

*Mystery Keeper! Ate the last tomato on our wedding anniversary, June 29th. We put it aside to see how long it would last but we thought a special day was the perfect time to cut into it.*

**S.P., Chase BC**

*My customers loved the Northern Delight tomatoes! So glad I tried them.*

**A.D., Roland MB**

## **MINI YELLOW TOMATOES**

**YELLOW PLUM**--An early indeterminate and incredibly huge producer of golden, low acid, small (but larger sized than "cherry tomato") plum-shaped fruits. A touch of tartness combines with a light sweetness for a fabulous flavor.

**COYOTE**-- Clusters of small yellow fruit cover this indeterminate from Mexico. Sweet as candy--terrific treats for children of any age. Bonus: a far more than usual disease and frost resistance.

**BLOND KOPFCHEN**--You simply won't believe the mass of blossoms this indeterminate will produce! A fellow grower aptly describes the crop as "small golden drops of sunshine."

**SWEET 100 YELLOW OP**--"OP" stands for Open Pollinated to avoid confusion with the once popular hybrid version of this plant. This very large, productive indeterminate bears 1" (2.5 cm) round, yellow fruits with a perfect sweet-acid balance.

**SWEET ORANGE II** -Tangerine colored, bite-sized orbs with sweet, bright tangy flavor grow on large plants. Resembles the hybrid, Sungold. Early with huge yields.

# UNCOMMONLY GOOD GARDEN SEED

## PARADE CUCUMBER (*Cucumis sativus*)

Cukes perform best when the weather gets warm. But *Parade*, of Russian lineage, knows what cold is and pumps out, in record time, a vast number of fruit on such a small bush plant. Bearing cukes of 2-5" (5-12.5 cm), *Parade* yields both picklers and small slicers.

Packet: 20 seeds

## TURKISH ROCKET (*Bunias orientalis*)

It's known as one of the most hardy and long-lived winter salad greens, the first and last greens of the season. The large strap-like leaves of this perennial are usually prepared as a slightly cooked green. Turks quick-stew it in tomato juice; finely chopped, it adds bite, blended with dips or spreads.

Packet: 12 seeds

## FRENCH SCORZONERA (*Reichardia picroides*)

European permaculture growers positively gush over this intriguing salad plant. About the size of corn salad, this lettuce relative produces mild, slightly sweet leaves in 10 weeks after direct seeding. It responds well to cut-and-come-again harvests and is virtually slug-proof. The small (lettuce-like) seed we offer is not thoroughly cleaned but a packet will sow a few dozen plants.

Packet: 100 milligrams

## SHOSAKU GOBO (*Arctium lappa*)

Hardy and healthy, gobo (or edible burdock) hails from Siberia but credit the Japanese for developing it as a valued food item. Distinct from wild burdock, *Shosaku*'s carrot-like root is wonderful whether sautéed, stir fried, pickled, or in tempura. High in calcium and iron, even the young leaves and stems are enjoyed as lightly cooked spring delicacies.

Packet: 2 grams

## NUTMEG MELON (*Cucumis melo*)

Melons, grown and ripened to perfection, are the epitome of an elegant, delicious dessert. The limiting factor is having a season that's warm and long enough to produce them. Enter *Nutmeg*, popular for over 200 years now. The seed we offer was originally sourced from cool Cape Breton. Remarkable for its earliness, *Nutmeg* easily matures its compact fruits at Mapple Farm even when direct seeded.

Packet: 12 seeds

**Seed Packets are @ \$3.75**

*I ordered the Parade cucumbers. I've never seen such productive plants. C.B., Moncton NB*

*I tried 4 different gobo last year—yours BEST! G.B., Winlaw BC*

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*They're extremely fond of these gardens . . . it would be hard to find any feature of the town more calculated to give pleasure and profit to the community--which makes me think that gardening must have been one of the founder's special interests. —from Utopia by Thomas More*

## **SQUASH & PUMPKIN**

### **GILL'S GOLDEN PIPPIN** (*Cucurbita pepo*)

Highly regarded as one of the best tasting acorn types around, its unique shape and size attract special attention as well. The small golden fruits are just right for an individual serving and custom-made for stuffing. Though each squash is small there are oodles of them per plant.

Packet: 12 seeds

### **BUTTERBUSH** (*Cucurbita moschata*)

Smaller plants and fruits than other Butternuts makes *Butterbush* perhaps the easiest *moschata* species to grow in Canada. Manageable sizes combine with quick and abundant yields. The shape is typical Butternut (like a vintage thermometer): long-necked with a bulbous end. The delicious flesh is moist, sweet and smooth. Outstanding keeper.

Packet: 12 seeds

### **FISHER'S ACORN** (*Cucurbita pepo*)

To our knowledge, Maple Farm is the only commercial source for this variety. Help us keep alive this family sized (2.5-4 pound or 1-2 kilogram) smooth textured acorn with flavorful, moist, sweet flesh. It produces dark green fruits generously and early that gradually turn orange in storage.

Packet: 12 seeds

### **HONEY BOAT SQUASH** (*Cucurbita pepo*)

These elongated golden spheres with green ribs grow in huge numbers and keep very well. This Delicata type is scrumptious stuffed or baked on its own. The perfect size for feeding one or two people.

Packet: 12 seeds

### **STYRIAN HULLESS PUMPKIN** (*Cucurbita pepo*)

Crack open this pumpkin to find a treasure trove of nutty flavored seeds with no hulls to work through. They're great dried and/or roasted and also yield an oil, used as commonly in parts of Austria as olive oil in Italy. Seed from the "Green Gold of Styria" is renowned for its medicinal, nutritional and culinary values.

Packet: 12 seeds

### **ZUCCHINI, BLACK** (*Cucurbita pepo*)

A dark green skinned, fine-flavored zuke. The traits most appreciated in this large bush selection: earliness, vigorous growth and heavy yields of excellent quality fruits.

Packet: 20 seeds

**Seed Packets are @ \$3.75**

*The Banana Squash were also excellent and super early. We ate them stuffed with a ground pork, rice and herb mixture and they were delicious.*

**R.H., Grande-Digue NB**

*I grew your Styrian Pumpkins last year and loved them. The seeds were big and plump.*

**J.A., Cornhill NB**

*The Black Zucchini seed I bought from you were terrific. The zucchini (after I cured them in the sun for a couple of weeks) lasted into late March in storage.*

**P.Z., Limekiln NB**

# MAPPLE FARM ORDER SHEET

*Please Place Seed Orders By April 30th*

Seed from pages 3-7

At \$3.75 per Packet or  
\$5.50 per Volume Pack

SEEDS ORDER FORM			
	Volume		
	PACKETS	PACKS	AMOUNT
Tomato, Latah			
Tomato, Bradley			
Tomato, Northern Delight			
Tomato, Mountain Princess			
Tomato, Early Annie			
Tomato, Kalinka			
Tomato, Legend			
“, Sweet 100 Red OP			
“, Sweet 100 Yellow OP			
Tomato, Una Hartsock			
Tomato, Teardrop			
Tomato, Tommy Toe			
Tomato, Yellow Plum			
Tomato, Coyote			
Tomato, Blond Kopfchen			
Tomato, Sweet Orange II			
Tomato, Mount Roma			
Tomato, Italian Heirloom			
Tomato, Black Plum			
Tomato, Mystery Keeper			
Wonderberry			
Indian Tomatillo			
Pepper, Red Mini Bell			
Bean, Black Coco			
Bean, Gaucho			
Squash, Butterbush			
Squash, Honey Boat			
Gill's Golden Pippin			
Fisher's Acorn			
Zucchini, Black			
Styrian Hulless Pumpkin			
Melon, Nutmeg			
Parade Cucumber			
Turkish Rocket			
French Scorzonera			
Shosaku Gobo			
Shipping & Handling		5.00	
Seeds Order Form Subtotal			
----- Enter this amount in Totals Table on the right			

Name:

Address:

Postal Code:

*Should we need to reach you quickly about your order:*

Phone:

E-Mail:

## OUTSTANDING PERENNIAL

Quantity	Amount
Egyptian Onions	
Outstanding Perennials Subtotal Enter this amount in Totals Table below	

## TOTALS TABLE

Seeds Order Form Subtotal	
Outstanding Perennial Subtotal	
Grand Subtotal	
Enter 13% HST in ON Enter 15% HST in NB, NS, NL, PEI Enter 5% GST (in the rest of Canada) or any revised sales tax (RevCan #12402 1080 RT0001)	
Grand Total	

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**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR ORDER**