

# Favorite Vegetable Varieties

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Crop	Variety	Company	Notes
Beans, Green	Maxibel Jade	High Mowing Johnny's	fancy French bean has excellent flavor and productivity, easy to grow excellent flavor, easy to grow
Beans, Special	Dragon Tongue	Fedco	one of the best tasting (especially raw), pretty purple stripes, easy to grow
Beans, Dry	Black Turtle	Fedco	prolific black beans, can be saved for seed
	Jacob's Cattle	Fedco	beautiful bean with great flavor, can be saved for seed
Beets	Early Wonder	Fedco	early, excellent greens
Broccoli	Green Magic (F1)	Johnny's	for spring crop, beautiful and reliable
	Arcadia (F1)	Fedco	for late summer and fall, reliable, purplish tint
Carrots	Bolero (F1)	Johnny's	sweet, reliable, excellent for winter storage
	Purple Haze (F1)	Johnny's	best tasting purple carrots
	Yellowstone	Fedco	easy to grow yellow carrot, big roots
Cauliflower	Bishop (F1)	Johnny's	only cauliflower I grow, reliable
Cucumber	Olympian (F1)	Johnny's	
	Genuine (F1)	Johnny's	
Edamame	Madori Giant	High Mowing	large plants and pods, flavor as sweet as sweet corn
Eggplant	Orient Express (F1)	Johnny's	prolific, early, delicious Japanese eggplant
	Nadia (F1)	Johnny's	most reliable globe eggplant
Kale	Red Russian	Fedco	best tasting, but most susceptible to flea beetles
	Winterbor (F1)	Fedco	green, curly, hardy
Kohlrabi	Winner (F1)	Johnny's	Green
	Kolibri (F1)	Fedco	Purple
Leeks	Lincoln	Fedco	tallest and whitest, easy to grow, not winter hardy
Lettuce	Magenta	High Mowing	summer crisp or Batavian variety – red, crisp, sweet, summer hardy
	Nevada	High Mowing	like Magenta but green
	Tropicana	Johnny's	green leaf
	New Red Fire	Fedco	red leaf
Melons	Sarah's Choice(F1)	Johnny's	Excellent tasting and easy to grow muskmelon
Onions, Bulb	White Wing (F1)	Fedco	most delicious sweet onion, white
	Patterson (F1)	Johnny's	excellent for storage, yellow
	Cortland (F1)	High Mowing	large, excellent for storage, yellow
	Blush	Johnny's	great red storage onion, large
Pac Choi	Mei Qing Choi (F1)	Johnny's	small, green, delicious, easy to grow (protect from flea beetles)
Peas, Shell	Green Arrow	Fedco	large, sweet, prolific
Peas, Snap	Sugarsnap	Fedco	best taste, does not germinate well, tall
	Cascadia	Fedco	short, germinates well, prolific, second best taste
Peas, Snow	Sumo	Fedco	large, sweet, prolific
Pepper, Hot	Hungarian Hot	Fedco	beautiful, easy to grow, prolific, medium heat
	Conchos	Johnny's	best jalapeño, large and beautiful
Pepper, Sweet	X3R Red Knight (F1)	Johnny's	large, reliable, turns to red bell
	Apple	Johnny's	smaller, delicious, prolific, turns to red
	Carmen (F1)	Johnny's	best for red peppers, prolific, long tapers, delicious
Potatoes	Carola	Fedco	yellow, reliable, prolific
	Dark Red Norland	Fedco	red, smaller, rounder
Radish	Cherriette (F1)	Johnny's	easy to grow, round, red
Spinach	Tyee (F1)	Fedco	delicious and will overwinter

Squash, Summer	Raven (F1)	Fedco	reliable, prolific, zucchini
	Zephyr (F1)	Johnny's	yellow & green summer squash, very long, reliable
	Sunburst (F1)	Fedco	patty pan
Tomatoes, Cherry	Sungold (F1)	Fedco	prolific, orange, sweet, the best cherry tomato
	Sunsugar (F1)	TGS	Tomato Growers Supply, like sungold but less cracking
Tomatoes, Paste	Amish Paste	Johnny's	big, blemished, excellent flavor
	Golden Rave (F1)	Johnny's	perfect, smooth, yellow, great flavor
Tomatoes, Salad	Estiva (F1)	Johnny's	perfect, hold well, delicious, red
	Pink Beauty (F1)	Johnny's	large, pink, delicious
Tomatoes, Heirloom	Green Zebra	Fedco	green with faint yellow stripes, tangy
	Golden Sunray	Seed Savers	large, orange
	Brandywine	Johnny's	large, ugly with shoulder cracking, delicious
	Garden Peach	Johnny's	lovely small yellow/orange fruits with delicious flavor

## Seed Sources

Fedco Seeds – [fedcoseeds.com](http://fedcoseeds.com)

- Good quality seed, for great prices
- No pictures in the catalog, but lengthy descriptions
- Some organic seed
- Maine – cooperative business

High Mowing – [highmowingseeds.com](http://highmowingseeds.com)

- Good seed quality, moderately expensive
- All organic seed
- Good photos and descriptions of varieties
- Vermont

Johnny's Selected Seeds – [johnnyseeds.com](http://johnnyseeds.com)

- Good quality seed, and tends to be more expensive
- Great catalog with pictures and detailed cultural information
- Some organic seed
- Maine

Seeds Savers Exchange – [seedsavers.org](http://seedsavers.org)

- Non-profit dedicated to preserving heirloom seeds
- Lots of heirloom varieties
- Iowa

Territorial Seed - <http://www.territorialseed.com/>

- Good quality seed
- Some organic seed
- Oregon

Tomato Growers Supply - [tomatogrowers.com](http://tomatogrowers.com)

- Many varieties of tomatoes, eggplant, and peppers
- No organic seed