

2023 Crop Variety Ratings

Variety	Seed Start	Transplant/Direct Sown	"Days to Harvest"	Harvest Date	Rating out of 10	Notes
Brilliant Celeriac/Celery Root	5-Feb	12-May	110 Days	13-Aug	10	Very easy, very rewarding, plant w peas, plant at end of Feb
Carola Gold Potatotes	n/a	March 29 Direct Sown	70-90 days	2-Aug	10	38# from 12 plants, 16 ft row. Dug as New. Canned 27 Quarts with seed leftover.
Tiara Cabbage	27-Feb	4-Apr	63 days PT	6/14, 6/25, 7/5	9	Covered w double layer of shade cloth, artificially slow. Good cabbage.
Bolero Nantes Carrots	-	19-Jul	70 days	1-Oct	9	Small rim of purple at top. Nicely snub nose, decent size carrot. Will grow again.
Oneida Yellow Onion	7-Jan	4-Apr	105 Days	15-Jul	8	Rated 6 month storage
Italian Flat Leaf Parsley	13-Feb	8-May	110 Days	continuous after Aug	8	17 days to germ, biennial, very cold hardy
Catnip	Feb 27 Reseeded March 7	8-May	75-88 days	n/a companion	8	Mint family. Flowers lovely, healthy durable plants.
Dark Purple Opal Basil	27-Mar	12-May	60 days	varied	8	Very hardy, Japanese beetles didn't bother it, thicker more succulent type leaves
Rocky Mountain Russet Potatoes	n/a	March 29 Direct Sown	90-110 days	22-Aug	8	30# from 12 plants, 16 ft row. Left til plants were mostly dead. Deep dug method 8" deep
Spaghetti Squash	15-Apr	12-May	100 days	Aug 8 & 9	8	Powdery Mildew, Squash vine borers. Fairly hardy, very long vine.
Waltham Butternut Squash	15-Apr	12-May	95-100 days	Aug 8 & Sept 9	8	Two fruitings, powdery mildew resistant, very hardy, large fruit.
Poniente Slicing Cuke	15-Apr	12-May	51 days	20-Jul	8	Beautiful fruit, produced one fruit then died. Could not get succession seeding to germ.
Florenza Sunflower	15-Apr	may 12 trans and DS	?	n/a companion	8	Direct sown more branches, transplanted had fewer branches.
Slenderette Bush Beans	n/a	May 10, May 23	50-60 days	July 12 through Aug 8	8	Nice straight beans, very large leaves and bushy plant.
Giant Roma Tomato (Tom)	n/a	June 22 Purchased	76 days	Same as San Marzano	8	Large meaty fruits, gangley plant. 13#4oz from 4 plants
Jaguar Marigolds	n/a	15-Jun	45 days	to be pretty	8	Yellowy orange with red spot in center of petal. Large bushy plants.
Velour Purple Bush Bean	-	25-Jul	55 days	14-Sep	8	Purple pod bean, tender, straight, small leaves to make harvesting easier. Planted late, not a big harvest.
Lincoln Shelling Peas	n/a	March 21 Direct sown	67 days	June 14 through June 28	7	36" vine, very productive. Better when densely planted. Can presprout. 3#10oz from 25ft row/72 plants
Tendersweet Carrot	n/a	March 21 Direct sown	70-75 days	June 21, 26, 28m July 3	7	Large root with a point, I would prefer with a blunt nose. Tender and sweet.
Redarling Brussel Sprouts	22-May	24-Jul	140-145 days PT	November, December	7	Somewhat lodges, hardy frost tolerant plants. Decent sized sprouts.
Red Bull Onion	7-Jan	4-Apr	110-125 days	15-Jul	6	rated 8-10 month storage type
Zermatt Leaks	5-Feb	7-Apr	85 Days	8-Aug	6	Early variety, but very easy
Dill Dukat	27-Feb	7-Apr	60-70 days	continuous	6	Bolted very quickly, but large lovely flowers and good for "dill seed"
Cilantro	Feb 27 Reseeded April 11	8-May	50-55 days	no recorded data	6	Bolted quickly in sun, direct sow unless purposely growing indoors.
Thai Chilli Moon & Vesuvius	27-Feb	12-May	85 days	killed by frost	6	Had fruit on it as frost killed it on May 18th. Will grow again at same time.
Summer Savory	March 3 Reseeded March 19	8-May	60-70 days	varied	6	Difficult to germ, add heat mat next year. Direct sow?
Dwarf Petunias	March 3, March 7	Direct sown May 11	n/a	n/a companion	6	"dwarf" feels moot, large and gangely. Direct sow on surface.
Lemon Balm	March 16 Reseeded Apr 11	20-Jun	70	varied	6	Very hard to germ, very slow to germ. Healthy plant once transplanted.
Sweet Basil	27-Mar	11-May	60 days	varied	6	Did ok, supposed to be best basil flavor. Grow more or in better garden bed.
Buckley Oak Leaf Lettuce	n/a	Apr 29 & May 21 Direct Sown	50-55 days	8-Jul	6	Planted in raised bed, poor soil. Lovely heat resistant red oak leaf. Will regrow from cut root.
Crackerjack Marigolds	n/a	May 21 Direct Sown	60 days	n/a companion	6	Saved seed from last year. Overshadowed by nasturiums, didn't germinate well.
Brandywine Tomato	n/a	June 22 Purchased	80 days	July 20, 28, Aug 8, 13, 26, 30, Sept 7	6	Extremely large slicers. Always cracked on top. Total 13# from one plant: 19 fruits.
Semi-Determinate San Marzano	n/a	June 22 Purchased	80 days	Aug 4, 8, 13, 18, 20, 26, 30, Sept 7	6	Short compact plant, but not all "at once." Small meaty fruits. 15.5# from 3 plants
Orange Sun & Jupiter Bell Pepper	n/a	June 22 Purchased	76 days	overshaded	6	Had to add potassium supp. Overshaded by nasturtiums. Nice big fruits when available.
Hungarian Semi-Hot Block Pepper	n/a	June 22 Purchased	85 days	July 9, Aug 30, Sept 14	6	Fruits were curled, did very little to it. Used for pickled peppers. 1#3oz from 1 plant, 11 peppers.
Burgundy Sprouting Broccoli	25-Jun	13-Aug	70 days PT	30-Nov	6	Foliage delicate to frost, florets frost hardy. Lodges. Pretty purple florets.
Starica Carrots	-	19-Jul	70 days	1-Oct	6	Shorter and more narrow.
Chantenay Carrot	n/a	March 21 Direct sown	75 days	June 12, 24, 26, 28	5	Unimpressive. Free seed that I threw in the ground. Very short fat variety.
Long Island Brussel Sprouts (Heirloom)	22-May	23-Jul	90-105 days PT	Oct 27, November, December	5	Sprouts open, plants lodge, very tough foliage.
Scarlet nantes	-	19-Jul	70 days	1-Oct	5	Short, spindly and pale.
Purple Moon Kale	21-Jul	29-Sep	68-70 days PT	deer eats it	5	Cold hardy, deer love it. Transplanted too late, or cover with greenhouse plastic.
Annie's Kale Mix	21-Jul	29-Sep	60 days PT	deer eats it	5	Same as purple kale.
Figaro Shallot	Jan 7 Reseeded Jan 20	4-Apr	125 Days	15-Jul	4	Very temperature sensitive at germ, large multi-cored roots. Did not store well.
Atomic Arugula	27-Feb	4-Apr	35-50 days	failed crop	4	Do not start indoors. Bolts quickly. Flowers are pretty.
Borage	7-Mar	April??	n/a	n/a companion	4	Seed later! Better yet, direct sow. Plants have hair that are aggravating.
Natascha Gold Potatoes	n/a	March 29 Direct Sown	55-70 days	31-Jul	4	8# from 12 plants, 16 ft row. Incorrectly kept hilling with deep dug method. Cover once and leave alone.
Kakai Hullless Pumpkin	15-Apr	12-May	90-105 days	28-Aug	4	Decent pumpkin, only 2 fruit from the vine. "bush" type. Pretty fruit.
Dwarf Jewel Nasturtiums	n/a	May 12 Direct Sown	n/a	n/a companion	4	Not dwarf. Pretty variations in packet, but NOT dwarf.
Cardinal Climber Vine	n/a	12-May	?	to be pretty	4	Did well, not excessive. Flowers smaller than expected, spread LOTS of seed.
Matt's Wild Cherry Tomato	n/a	June 22 Purchased	55-60 days	Continuous after July 18	4	Extremely wild plant, small bunches of cherry tomatoes. Would do better on arch trellis, would prefer larger bunches.
Prism Bell Peppers	n/a	June 22 Purchased	85 days	July 8, August	4	Plant struggled behind tomatoes and nasturtiums; small peppers not worth the garden space
Green Express Cabbage	1-Jul	16-Sep	50 Days	December	4	Very slow, looser heads. Somewhat cold hardy, though cold damage evident.
Bright lights swiss chard	21-Jul	29-Sep	60 days	failing	4	Pretty, not cold hardy. Needs to be densely planted, or protected with greenhouse plastic. Leaves killed by cold.
Red Acre Cabbage	27-Feb	4-Apr	75-100 days PT	failed crop	3	Very slow, had covered with double layer shade cloth, very long grow time
Waltham 29 Broccoli	1-Jul	13-Aug	80 days PT	30-Nov	3	Produced very small heads. Lodged.
Harris Parsnips	n/a	19-Jul	95-120 days	19-Nov	3	Older seed, shaded by flower patch. Extremely poor germination. New seed/variety next year.

Pike Muskmelon	15-Apr	12-May	85 days	failed crop	2	Able to transplant, failed to thrive. Susceptible to Bacterial wilt from cuke beetles.
Naked Bear Hulless Pumpkin	15-Apr	12-May	105 days	Failed crop	2	Susceptible to bacterial wilt from cuke beetles.
Buttercrunch Lettuce	n/a	Apr 29 & May 21 Direct Sown	65-70 days	bolted	2	Bolted. Spring/fall?
Morning Glories	n/a	12-May	?	to be pretty	2	Excessively large, never flowered. Took too many resources and cast too much shade for rest of garden.
Stringless Green Pod Bush Bean	n/a	5-Jun	50 days	removed	2	Very unruly plants, beans curled in J's.
Hannah's Choice Canteloupe	n/a	June 22 Purchased	80 days	failed	2	Very small vines, failure to thrive, never produced fruit, did flower.
Telegraph Slicing Cukes	n/a	June 24, July 20	60 days	failed	2	failure to thrive. Sprouted, then wouldn't get bigger.
Red express cabbage	1-Jul	23-Sep	60 days	failed	2	Never headed up, very cold hardy. Fall planting for spring harvest?
Peppermint	16-Mar	failed	failed	failed	0	Would not germinate. Purchase starts, start from cuttings.
Cucumber H-19 Little leaf	n/a	May 26, June 22, July 20	57 days	failed	0	failure to thrive. Sprouted, then wouldn't get bigger.
Overwintered Red Spring onions	21-Jul	25-Oct	250 days PT	possibly waited too long to transplant?	TBD	Supposedly June harvest.
Overwintered Hi-Keeper Yellow Onions	21-Jul	25-Oct	230 days PT	possibly waited too long to transplant?	TBD	Dying off, too cold? Not mulched. Supposedly June harvest.
Flowering Thai Basil	27-Mar	12-May	60 days	killed by frost	?	Did poorly indoors, poor soil? Killed by frost May 18th
Oregon Sugar Snow Peas	n/a	March 21 Direct sown	60 days	n/a companion	-	no harvest, companion to celery root
National Pickling cukes	15-Apr	trans May 12, DS Apr 29	60 days	failed	-	Once Transplanted, severe damage from cuke beetles. Failed to thrive.
Little Snowpea Purple	-	1-Sep	50-54 days	let chickens into them	-	Try again next year, allowed chickens to dig them out.
Thalia Dill	-	13-Oct	40-50 days	-	-	Not cold hardy, supposedly resistant to bolting. Will try again in spring.
Long Standing Cilantro	-	13-Oct	60-90 days	-	-	Cold resistant, slow to grow in winter. Supposed to be slow to bolt.
Landis Winter Lettuce	-	13-Oct	?	-	-	Has barely sprouted. Failure to thrive? Planted too late? Butterhead type. Free seed with Baker Creek order.
Finissimo Verde a Palla Basil	15-Oct	-	-	-	-	failure to thrive. Sprouted, then wouldn't get bigger. Damping off.