



# HOME & GARDEN

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## Recommended Vegetable Cultivars for Maryland Home Gardens

The listed cultivars have performed well over a wide range of soil and weather conditions in different locations around the state. Maryland Master Gardeners selected many of these cultivars through a written survey. It is not possible to list all of the cultivars of each vegetable crop that would produce a satisfactory harvest in Maryland. Use this list and your past experience as a guide. Check with neighbors and other gardeners in your area to find out which cultivars grow best. Please call us and let us know if any of your favorite cultivars are missing from this list.

The characteristics of a single cultivar, including yield, flavor and pest resistance may vary somewhat depending on soil type, planting date, weather conditions and gardening techniques. If you have a particularly severe disease problem in your garden, select those cultivars with known resistance. Both open-pollinated and hybrid cultivars are listed (hybrids are followed by a “\*”). With certain crops, like broccoli, summer squash, and sweet corn, hybrids tend to be more uniform and vigorous. Hybrid cultivars of all vegetable crops are more likely to have genetic resistance to specific diseases. Conversely, many open-pollinated cultivars have stood the test of time in Maryland gardens and will “come true” when grown from seed saved from the previous crop. Be aware, however, that many insect-pollinated crops, like squash and pumpkin are readily cross-pollinated if more than one cultivar of a single species is grown. In these cases, plants grown next season from saved seed will not come true unless special precautions are taken.

(\* = HYBRID CULTIVAR)

### ASPARAGUS

Jersey Giant\*, Jersey King\*, Jersey Knight\*, Purple Passion

### BEANS

*Bush type-green snap:* all Bush Blue Lake types, Contender, Derby, Greensleeves, Low’s Champion, Provider, Roma II (Italian flat podded), Royal Burgundy, Royalty, Slenderette, Tendercrop, Tenderette, Topcrop (early only), Vernandon

*Filet/flageolet type:* Decibel, Maxibel

*Half-runner type:* White Half-Runner

*Bush type-wax:* Goldcrop, Golden Rod, Goldfinger, Goldrush, Kinghorn, Resistant Cherokee, Yellow Wax

*Pole type:* Early Riser, Kentucky Blue, Kentucky Wonder, Pole Romano, Rattlesnake, Trionfo Violetto

*Bush lima:* Burpee’s Improved, Dixie Butter Pea, Early Thorogreen, Fordhook 242, Henderson Bush

*Pole lima:* Dr. Martin, King of the Garden, Prizetaker, Sieva

### BEETS

Cylindra, Detroit Dark Red, Early Wonder, Formonova, Klein Ball, Red Ace\*, Red Ball\*, Ruby Queen

*Winter storage:* Lutz Winterkeeper

*For greens:* Crosby Green Top, Lutz Green Leaf

### BROCCOLI

Bonanza\*, Calabrese, Emperor\*, Goliath\*, Green Comet\*, Packman\*, Premium Crop\*, Waltham 29

### BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Jade Cross E\*, Long Island Improved, Prince Marvel\*, Valiant

### CABBAGE

Copenhagen, Danish Ballhead, Dynamo\*, Early Flat Dutch, Early Jersey Wakefield, Golden Acre (spring crop), Jersey Queen, Market Prize\*, Savoy, Savoy Ace\*, Savoy King\*, Stonehead\*

*Red:* Meteor, Red Danish Ballhead, Red Rock, Red Verone, Ruby Ball\*

*Chinese:* China Doll, Jade Pagoda\*, Joi Choi\*, Me Quing Choi\*

### CARROTS

Advance, Artist, all Chantenay types, all Danvers types, Ingot\*, Kinko, Lindoro, all Nantes types, Sweet n Short, Thumbelina

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## **CAULIFLOWER**

Cashmere\*, Early Hybrid, Rushmore\*, all Snow Ball types, Snow Crown\*, Violet Queen\*

## **CELERY**

Florida 683, all Utah 52-70 strains

## **CHARD, SWISS**

Bright Lights, Fordhook, Lucullus, Rainbow, Rhubarb Chard

## **COLLARDS**

Blue Max\*, Champion, Georgia, Morris Heading, Top Bunch, Vates

## **CORN, SWEET**

*Yellow:* Ambrosia\*, Bodacious\*, Clockwork\*, Early Choice\*, Golden Bantam, Golden Queen\*, Illini, Incredible\*, Jo Chief\*, Kandy Corn\*, Lancelot\*, Seneca Chief\*, Sugar Buns\*, Sundance\*

*White:* How Sweet It Is\*, Platinum Lady\*, Silver Queen\*, Silverado\*

*Bi-color:* Bi Queen\*, Butter and Sugar\*, Harmony\*, Park's Honey & Pearl\*, Peaches N Cream\*, Sweet Sue\*

## **CUCUMBER**

*Slicing:* Fanfare\*, Lemon, Marketmore 76, Marketmore 80, Park's Whopper, Poinsett 76, Slicemaster\*, Straight Eight, Sweet Burpless, Sweet Slice\*, Sweet Success\*

*Pickling:* Calypso\*, Country Fair, Early Pik, H-19 Little Leaf, National Pickling, Wisconsin SMR 58

*Asian/European:* Carmen\*, Palace King\*, Suyo Long

*Bush/container:* Park's Better Bush, Salad Bush\*, Spacemaster

## **EGGPLANT**

Black Beauty, Classic\*, Dusky\*, Epic\*, Neon\*, Purple Rain\*, Rosita

*Asian type:* Asian Bride, Machiaw, Millionaire, Oriental Long, Ping Tung Long

## **ENDIVE**

Batavian, Green Curled

## **GARLIC**

*Hard-necked (rocambole):* all cultivars

*Soft-necked:* all cultivars

## **KALE**

Dutch Verdura, Dwarf Scotch, Lacinato, Red Ursa, Red Russian, Siberian, Winterbor, Vates Types

## **KOHLRABI**

Early White Vienna, Grand Duke\*, Purple Vienna

## **LEEKS**

American Flag, Broad London, Carina

## **LETTUCE**

*Crisphead:* Iceberg, Ithaca, Little Gem

*Butterhead:* Bibb (Limestone), Boston, Buttercrunch, Carmona

*Romaine/Cos:* Cocarde, Parris Island, Pirat, Tom Thumb

*Leaf:* Black Seeded Simpson, Bronze Arrow, Deer Tongue, Great Lakes, Green Ice, Grand Rapids, Oak Leaf (green and red), Red Sails, Ruby, Salad Bowl, Summertime, Tango, Vulcan

## **MUSKMELON**

Athena, Ambrosia\*, Burpee Hybrid\*, Goldstar\*, Jenny Lind, Superstar\*

*Honeydew:* Earlidew, Marygold, Venus

*Other melons:* Crenshaw

## **MUSTARD**

Green Wave, Osaka Purple, Red Giant, Southern Giant Curled, Tendergreen

## **OKRA**

Annie Oakley II\*, Burgundy, Cajun Delight\*, Clemson Spineless, Dwarf Green Pod, Emerald

## **ONIONS**

*From seed/plants:* Ailsa Craig, Ebenezer, Golden Globe, Italian Red Bottle, Kelsae Sweet Giant, Longkeeper, Red Stuttgart, Sweet Sandwich, Walla Walla, White Lisbon, White Sweet Spanish, Yellow Globe

## **PARSNIPS**

All-American, Hollow Crown, Model

## **PEAS**

*Garden:* Early Freezer, Frosty, Green Arrow, Knight, Laxton, Lincoln, Maestro, Novella II, Patriot, Progress, Sparkle, Wando

*Edible-podded:* Dwarf Gray Sugar, Melting Sugar Mammouth, Oregon Sugar Pod types, Sugar Ann, Sugar Snap, Sugar Snow, Sugar Sweet

## **PEPPERS**

*Sweet (red):* Ace\*, Arianne\*, Banana, Bell Captain\*, Better Bell\*, Bell Boy\*, Big Bertha\*, Bonanza\*, Cal Wonder, Jupiter\*, Keystone Resistant Giant, King Arthur\*, Lady Bell\*, Park's Whopper, Vidi\*, Yolo Wonder

*Sweet (yellow/orange):* Orobelle, Quadrato D'Oro\*, Valencia\*, Yellow Golden Wonder

*Italian frying:* Corno di Toro, Cubanelle, Figaro, Gypsy, Italian Sweet, Navarone, Sweet Bullnose

*Very pungent chiles:* Charleston Hots\*, Habanero, Jalapeno, Mitla\* (jalapeno), Red Cayenne, Scotch Bonnet, Serrano, Serrano Huasteco, Super Cayenne\*, Thai Dragon

*Less pungent chiles:* Ancho (poblano), Ancho 101, Hungarian Yellow Wax, Jalapeno M, Mexibelle\* (bell type), Mulatto, Pasilla

*Annaheim/Numex types:* Anaheim, Big Chile\*, Big Jim, Joe Parker, Ortega, Sugar Chile\*

## **POTATOES**

Blue, Butte, Caribe, Epicure, Irish Cobbler, Katahdin, Kennebec, Norgold Russett, Red Bison, Red Norland, Red Pontiac, Rose Gold, Yellow Finn, Yukon Gold

## **PUMPKINS**

*Giant:* Big Max, Dill's Atlantic Giant

*Jack-o-lantern:* Connecticut Field, Howden, Lumina, Spookie, Triple Treat

*Pie:* Park's Small Sugar, Pie, Sugar Baby, Triple Treat

*Ornamental:* Jack-Be-Little

## **RADISH**

Champion, Cherry Belle, Cherry Bomb, Cherry Georgia, Crimson Giant, Easter Egg, French Breakfast, Long French, Parkler, Prinz Rotin, Red Top, Salad Rose, Scarlet Globe, White Icicle

*Asian/daikon:* Daikon, Miyashige

## **RHUBARB**

Cherry Red, Valentine, Victoria

## **RUTABAGAS**

American Purple Top, Laurentian

## **SOUTHERN PEAS**

California Blackeye #5, Extra Early Blackeye, Mississippi Silver, Purple Hull

## **SPINACH**

America, Bloomsdale Long Standing, Melody\*, Space\*, Tyee\*

*Other:* Malabar Spinach, Perpetual Spinach (a beet subspecies)

## **SQUASH**

*Zucchini:* Black Beauty, Burpee Hybrid\*, Cocozelle, Early Prolific, Park's Green Magic, Pic N Pic, Roly Poly, Seneca, Zucchini Elite

*Summer yellow:* Dixie\*, Early Prolific Straight Neck, Goldbar, Multipik, Parks Creamy, Seneca Prolific, Sundance\*, Yellow Crookneck

*Winter:* all Buttercup types, Carnival, Delicata (Sweet Potato), Jersey Acorn, North Georgia Candy Roaster, Sweet Dumpling, Table Ace\* (acorn) Lakota, Table Queen (acorn), Tahitian Melon Squash, Waltham Butternut

*Other:* Patty Pan (scallop), Peter Pan\* (scallop), Spaghetti, Sunburst\* (scallop), Tivoli (spaghetti)

## **SWEET POTATOES**

Centennial, Georgia Jet, Jewel, Porto Rico, Vardaman

## **TOMATOES**

*Red:* Better Boy\*, Big Beef\*, Big Boy\*, Big Girl\*, Celebrity\*, Delicious, Early Girl\*, Jet Star\*, Mortgage Lifter, Park's Whopper\*, Red Pear, Rutgers, Stupice, Supersonic\*

*Pink/purple:* Cherokee Purple, Eva Purple Ball, German Johnson, Giant Belgian, Pink Brandywine, Pruden's Purple

*Yellow:* Golden Queen, Lemon Boy, Yellow Pear

*Bi- or tri-colored:* Big Rainbow, Georgia Streak, Mammouth German Gold, Pineapple, Striped German

*Paste:* Amish Paste, Roma, San Marzano, San Remo, Super Italian, Viva Italia\*

*Cherry:* Gardener's Delight, Sun Cherry, Sun Gold, Sweet 100\*, Sweet Cherry, Sweet Million

*Dwarf/container:* Better Bush

## **TURNIPS**

*Roots and greens:* Purple Top White Globe, Seven Top, Tokyo Cross\*

*Greens:* All Top Hybrid\*, Shogoin

## **WATERMELON**

All Chaleston Gray types, Crimson Sweet, Golden Crown, Jubilee, Midnight, Moon and Stars, Tiger Baby, Yellow Baby

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(707)459-6410

<http://countrylife.net/ecoaction/books.html>

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### W. Atlee Burpee Co.

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P.O. Box 53528  
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<http://www.cooksgarden.com>

Heirloom and unusual vegetables.

### Fedco Seeds

PO Box 520  
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### Filaree Farm

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Rochester, NY 14692-2960  
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Albion, ME 04910-9731  
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Info: (207)437-4357

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### Kitazawa Seed Co.

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Lancaster, PA 17601  
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Chesterfield, VA 23832  
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Oriental vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruits.

### Otis S. Twilley Seed Co.

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(215)639-8800 FAX (215)245-1949  
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