

Vegetable Variety Descriptions 2021

Tomatoes

Cherry

Amy's Apricot- A family heirloom, this cherry tomato was introduced in 2011 at the Heritage Harvest Festival. Tall, indeterminate plants produce huge amounts of 3/4 "usually apricot-gold fruit. Robust, sweet, and fruity tomatoes rival Sungold for flavor. 74 days

Baby Boomer- This compact, bush-type cherry tomato yields hundreds of 1" sweet, red fruits. Perfect for a small garden or patio. Plants reach 20-25 inches but will need a cage to support the heavily laden branches. This hybrid will be one of the first producers in your garden. 50-55 days

Black Vernissage AKA Vernisazh Chernyi-Ukrainian heirloom variety that produces large numbers of beautiful, striated burgundy and olive-green 2 oz. cherry/saladette tomatoes. Flavor is rich, complex, and great for eating. Said to be heat tolerant. Indeterminate. 72 days

Gardener's Delight AKA Sugar Lump-This vigorous German heirloom produces many clusters of 6-12 red extra-sweet and flavorful cherry tomatoes all summer long. Crack-resistant. Indeterminate. 65 days

Large Red Cherry-Large, extremely productive heirloom variety that yields large, red 1 1/2" cherry tomatoes that have great full flavor, perfect for snacking or salads. The green tomatoes can be pickled. Indeterminate. 72 days

Tumbler-Tumbler is a perfect tomato for hanging pots and containers. This very productive, extremely early, cascading plant will produce up to 6 lbs. of 1.25" scarlet cherry/saladette tomatoes. A determinate hybrid variety. 45 days

Salad Tomatoes (2-10oz.)

Oregon Spring-Early determinate variety that sets loads of meaty, flavorful 4" fruit even in cool weather. Plants are compact and can be set out in cool spring temperatures if freezing can be prevented. Open pollinated. 58 days

Independence Day AKA Fourth of July - A sweet, pink-red, salad-sized tomato that is one of the first tomatoes to ripen. It has good flavor for an early tomato, and flavor improves as the summer progresses. Even in short growing seasons, this plant has been known to yield fruit by mid-July. Open pollinated, very productive, and indeterminate. Hybrid. 50-55 days.

Karen's Orange AKA Orange King- Very high yields of 6-8 oz. fruits on a small 24-30" plant. The fruits are sweet, juicy, low acid and a beautiful orange color, and will set in both cool and hot weather. This heirloom is determinate and great for small spaces. 65 days.

Stupice- Czechoslovakian heirloom tomato, pronounced "stu-peach-ka", that produces early and abundant sweet, red, salad-sized fruit. Vigorous, indeterminate, and produces well in our climate. Cold-tolerant. 55 days.

Taxi- Expect high yields of bright yellow, mildly flavored, meaty tomatoes over a 3 to 4 weeks from this determinate plant. Compact size (2'X2') and early production makes it perfect for containers or patio gardens. Leaf curl is normal. 58 days.

Black Sea Man- A semi-determinate Russian heirloom tomato that will need staking. The 6-12oz. tomatoes are deep burgundy with olive green shoulders and are very juicy. The intense flavors of savory, smoky, sweet, and tart win taste competitions against other black tomatoes! Plants are short, potato leafed, and very productive. 75 days.

Amish Gold-Gorgeous, gold, densely fleshed, 1-2" sized tomato with excellent sweet-tart flavor. The fruit is oblong shaped with sharply pointed end. The plants are indeterminate and very productive. Good for slicing, cooking and canning. Cross between Amish Paste and Sungold. 80 days

Golden Jubilee AKA Jubilee-Introduced in 1943 by Burpee, this mild flavored, golden-orange tomato is a great choice for juice, as well as sauce and salsa. The 3" fruit are meaty with few seeds, and the medium sized, indeterminate plants are very productive. 72 days

Indigo™ Apple-Indigo™ Apple was bred from the OSU Blue Fruit series which started with Indigo™ Rose. The sprawling indeterminate plants produce large clusters of 3-4oz. purple/black/red tomatoes which are ripe when soft to the touch. Flavor is sweet, tart and has a long shelf life. Open-pollinated. 70-75 days

Green Zebra- Bred in Everett, Wa and introduced in 1983, this beautiful 3-5 oz. green tomato ripens to a yellow-gold with dark green stripes. The flavor is tangy and tart, with a touch of sweetness. Indeterminate. Open-pollinated. 75 days.

Bonny Best AKA Bonnie Best AKA John Baer-This heirloom commercial tomato was available in 1897 in the Vaughan's Seed Store catalog! It produces bright red, 6-10 oz., globe shaped fruit that have a classic rich and acidic tomato flavor. Great for cooking, canning, and eating. Indeterminate plant that does well in a short, cool growing season. 72-80 days

Sungella-Golf-ball sized, sweet, orange fruit grows in long clusters of 8-10 tomatoes. An open pollinated descendant of Sungold that is much more split resistant if not over-watered. Especially good in dry, low-water conditions. Very productive, cold-tolerant, and indeterminate. 70 days.

Clear Pink Early-A Russian heirloom with long trusses of round, clear pink 4-6 oz. tomatoes. Fruit is sweet, tangy, and ripens early. This 30" tall plant is very productive for its size. Determinate. 60 days.

Silvery Fir Tree-A compact, 24" tall old Russian heirloom that bears early, heavy crops of 2-4" red tomatoes. Flavor is balanced, pleasant, and tangy. Delicate, carrot-like, silvery-grey foliage is beautiful in a container, and holds up well in windy situations with staking. Determinate. 55-60 days.

Rutgers- This New Jersey heirloom was introduced in 1934, and still is popular because of its versatility. The 8 oz. fruits are large, bright red, and full flavored. Bred for canning and excellent for eating. The variety is a determinate grower that typically stays compact (4' -5"). 75 days.

Paste

Ten Fingers of Naples- This determinate heirloom from Naples, Italy bears long trusses of 5-6" red paste tomatoes. The fruit is elongated, firm, meaty and has few seeds. The flavor is sweet and rich. Ideal for puree, salsa, sauces, and canning. 72 days.

Amish Paste- An heirloom paste tomato that originated in Wisconsin. It is indeterminate and very productive, yielding deep red, large, plum shaped fruits that are ideal for eating, sauces, and canning. The 8-12 oz. tomatoes are meaty and juicy with excellent real tomato flavor. 74-85 days.

Beefsteak/Large (10oz.+)

Pink Berkeley Tie-Dye- In a taste comparison, people preferred this beautiful tomato over Cherokee Purple 10 out of 10 times! The flavor of this fruit is extremely robust: sweet, rich, tart, and salty. The beefsteak tomatoes are port wine colored with metallic green stripes and are ripe early to mid-early. A productive, and fairly compact, indeterminate plant. 65-75 days.

Brandywine- This variety is legendary for its large, pink-red, richly flavored beefsteak tomatoes. This potato leaf heirloom dates back to the 1880's and is still considered one of the world's best flavored indeterminate tomatoes. 85 days

Brandywine Orange- This strong, potato-leaf indeterminate member of the heirloom Brandywine family produces large numbers of meaty, richly sweet, 16 oz. orange tomatoes. Late season but worth the wait. 85 days.

Cherokee Purple- A pre-1890's Tennessee Valley heirloom variety, this tomato is known for its deep dusky purple-pink, sweet, spicy, and huge beefsteak fruit. The plants are indeterminate, and vigorous growers. 80-85 days

Kellogg's Breakfast- Darrell Kellogg, not the cereal company, preserved this superbly flavored West Virginia heirloom. One pound, pale-orange, meaty and almost seedless tomatoes are produced all season long by this indeterminate variety. Requires staking. 79-85 days.

Mortgage Lifter- A man named "Radiator Charlie" developed this heirloom variety in the 1930's. He crossed 4 of the biggest varieties that he knew to create Mortgage Lifter, enabling him to pay off his mortgage. The tomatoes are huge (1- 4lbs), pink skinned and very sweet. A vigorous, indeterminate grower. 80-85 days

Pruden's Purple- A stunning, 1-2 lb., dark pink beefsteak tomato with great flavor. Comparable to Brandywine, except that it sets fruit earlier and has much higher yields. Kentucky heirloom that originated in the late 1900's. You will need a larger garden for this aggressive grower! Indeterminate. 75 days.

Gloria's AKA Glorious- A very large heirloom variety from Ellensburg, WA. The 1lb gold tomatoes are juicy with few seeds. Good for sandwiches and sauces. Ripens early for a large tomato. Indeterminate. 72 days.

Black Krim- This heirloom tomato originated in Crimea. The beefsteak fruits are a dark red-purple, and in sunny conditions will turn nearly black. The flavor is rich and sweet with a hint of saltiness. Prone to cracking but a very heavy indeterminate producer. 80 days

Aunt Gerdie's Gold- Considered one of the best tasting yellow tomatoes with a delicious sweet and fruity flavor. This potato leaf heirloom produces 1-2 lb. irregularly shaped fruit and is indeterminate. 75 days.

Squash

Marina di Chioggia The heirloom "sea pumpkin" of Chioggia, a fishing port near Venice, Italy. This turban-shaped winter pumpkin averages 10-12 pounds and is produced on vigorous vines. Its deep

grey-green, warty appearance makes it a beautiful and usual squash. The rich, sweet, deep yellow-orange, dry flesh makes it perfect for pies, baking, grilling, ravioli filling and gnocchi. And it can be stored up to 6 months. 95 days.

Honey Boat Delicata-One of the most popular heirloom squashes, this delicata variety was bred at OSU, and introduced in 1990. Vines reach up to 6' and the 6-8" fruits average 1lb. The flavor is deliciously sweet and nutty. This squash is fantastic baked, and excellent in pasta and soups. Plus, it stores well. 100 days

Delicata- Delicata squash is still one of the best winter squashes to grow. The vines of this heirloom are fairly compact and the fruits average 8" in length and 4" wide, making them perfect for a meal. The flesh is orange, fine-textured and delicious. Plus, it stores well! 100 days.

White Bush Scallop AKA White Patty Pan-This heirloom summer squash is extremely old, dating back prior to the early 1700's. Plants have a bush-type growth habit, and are productive through the growing season if kept harvested. The color is a pale-greenish-white, and the flavor is deliciously mild. Harvest when the fruits are 4-6", and white. 50 days

Spaghetti - A fantastic substitute for pasta because of its spaghetti-like strands of flesh, this heirloom winter squash originated in Japan in the 1930's. The vigorous plants produce 2-3 lb. delicately flavored fruit that are ready to harvest when they turn tan or yellow. 95-100 days

Bush Table King Acorn -This winter squash is perfect for a small garden. Each compact bush can yield 5 to 8 flavorful, orange fleshed, 2 lb. fruit. The squash are excellent keepers so they can be enjoyed all winter long. An All- America Selection in 1974! 85 days.

Golden Kobocho AKA Orange Kobocho -This winter squash originated in central America, was brought to Asia by the Portuguese, and then came to us via Japan. The texture of the round, 3 to 8 lb., flat-top fruits is similar to a cross between a sweet potato and a pumpkin. This sweet, creamy squash is perfect for baking, mashing, and pies. 90 days

Zucchini Black Beauty -An heirloom summer squash dating back to the 1920's that made zucchini popular. The classic, black-green fruit is straight and best eaten when less than 8" long. Delicious raw, fried or baked. The productive bushes are open in the interior, allowing fruit to be easily seen. 50 days

Saffron Prolific Straightneck -This early bush plant is very productive, with high yields of straight, 4-6" long, sweet and flavorful, fruit. The leaves are large, providing sunburn protection for the butter-yellow summer squashes. The compact single stem plant requires little space, making it perfect for a small garden. 44 days

Yakima Marblehead -Marblehead squash was bred in 1854 from seeds that originated in the West Indies. Eastern WA homesteaders grew this variety, and between 1928 and 1931, "Yakima Marblehead" seed was commercially available out of Portland, OR. Full sized fruits weigh from 20 to 30 pounds and have sweet, dry, slightly stringy flesh that make it perfect for breads, soup, or even vegetable noodles. Develops sweetness in storage and easily stores for a year. 100 days.

Pumpkins

Connecticut Field Pumpkin -This is a truly old heirloom variety, grown by Native Americans prior to the arrival of Europeans. The traditional American pumpkin, it is globe-shaped, deep orange, and weighs up

to 25 lbs. The flesh is dark orange, flavorful, and coarser than modern pumpkins. Delicious for pies and makes a great Halloween pumpkin. The sprawling vines yield many fruits. 100 days

Small Sugar -Sometimes called New England Pie Pumpkin, this heirloom is considered the ultimate pie pumpkin. The beautiful, small, 5-8 lb. pumpkins are very fine-grained, sweet and sugary, and exceptionally flavorful. Vigorous vines produce 4-6 fruits and can be trellised or grown on a support. Fantastic for pies! 95 days

Wee Be Little -A true pumpkin in miniature, the fruits on this AAS winner are softball sized and weigh up to 1lb. The petite pumpkins are great for decorating but are also good for eating. The flesh is thick, tasty and sweet, perfect for baking, and store well too. The plants are bushy and compact and perfect for a smaller garden. 90 days

Melons

Charentais-This heirloom cantaloupe originated in France in the 1920's. The smooth, round melons are blue-grey and grapefruit-sized when ripe. Considered by many to be the most flavorful melon in the world, the flesh is sweet, juicy, orange, and strongly scented. 85 days.

Honey Rock AKA Sugar Rock -An heirloom and 1933 AAS winner, this melon is vigorous and early to ripen. The plants produce 5 to 7 cantaloupe that have aromatic, sweet, and salmon-colored flesh. 80 days.

Model -The flavor of this small, round, green-fleshed melon is like a sweet honeydew with hints of cantaloupe. It smells as good as it tastes. Harvest when the skin is lightly netted and turning yellow. This Polish heirloom is more tolerant of cold and drought than most other melons. 75days.

Sugar Cube -A personal-sized cantaloupe that is intensely sweet, juicy, and extremely aromatic. Plus, its very disease-resistant, productive, and has a long shelf life. Perfect for a small garden space.80 days.

Watermelons

Blacktail Mountain -Developed in Northern Idaho where the nights get cold, this watermelon is perfect for our region. The 6 to 12 lb. fruit are round and green-black, and the red flesh is super-sweet, crisp, and juicy. Vines reach 10' and are very productive. Harvest just before ripe and melons will finish ripening in storage. Stores up to 2 months! 70-75 days.

Bush Sugar Baby -This watermelon is perfect for small gardens. Each plant produces 2 12lb. melons on 3-4' vines which can be trellised. The round melons are blue-black with sweet, fine-textured, red flesh. 80 days.

Crimson Sweet -This heirloom watermelon is a classic. The fruit is large, green-striped and has dark -red sweet and crisp flesh. Each plant is a vigorous grower and bears one to two 15-25 lb. melons.85 days.

Cucumbers

Boston Pickling-This heirloom cucumber became commercially available in the 1880's. Considered by many as the standard for home-made pickles, each plant produces almost a gallon of cucumbers. The fruit is short, blocky, and thin-skinned, and the flesh is crisp and tender. 52 days

Garden Sweet Burpless- A vigorous plant that yields large numbers of sweet, bitter-free, and burpless cucumbers. A hybrid of the Japanese Long Cucumber, it bears slender, 12", thin-skinned fruit that are great for pickling or slicing. This variety has good resistance to Downy and Powdery mildew. 60 days

Lemon-This heirloom cucumber originated in Australia and was introduced to the U.S. in 1894. The fruit is thin-skinned, burpless, has excellent flavor and can be used for slicing or pickling. The highly productive plants are more drought tolerant than other varieties.60 days

Muncher -The fruit of this Middle Eastern variety is smooth skinned, almost spineless, and delicious. Each plant produces a large crop of 6-9" burpless, crisp, and never bitter cucumbers. Vines are strong and compact, making it a perfect choice for small gardens or containers. 60 days

Straight Eight -Early, vigorous, and prolific, this heirloom variety produces cucumbers that are 6-8" long, 2" wide, and great for slicing. The fruit has exceptional flavor from this dependable 1935 AAS winner. 57 days

Suyo Long -A Chinese heirloom, the fruit grows 10-18" long, and will curve if not grown on a trellis. The flesh is sweet, crisp, burpless, and excellent for slicing. The skin is thin skinned and ribbed. Somewhat heat tolerant. 65 days

Cucumber Melon

Armenian Cucumber AKA Serpent Cucumber AKA Snake Melon-Technically, the "Serpent Cucumber" is a relative of a honeydew melon not a cucumber. This heat tolerant heirloom originated in Armenia in the 1400's. The beautiful fruit is crunchy, mild- flavored, thin-skinned, and nearly seedless. They grow 2-3' long, 2" wide and are best when eaten when 12-18 ". Trellis for straight fruit. 65 days

Eggplant

Black Beauty-Introduced by Burpee in 1902, this prolific eggplant remains a favorite with gardeners. The plants are sturdy and upright, making it ideal for small gardens and containers. The fruits are large, flavorful, and gorgeous. Expect 8-12 fruits per plant so be sure to stake it. 80 days.

Tomatillo

Toma Verde -An early -maturing, dependable, prolific heirloom that produces 2" soft green fruit. The flavor is sweet and complex. This bushy, sprawling plant can get 4' across so be sure to cage it. Harvest when the papery husk splits open. Great for salsa and sauces. 60 days

Ground Cherry

Aunt Molly's Ground Cherry -Easy to grow, prolific, with super sweet fruit that can be eaten fresh, used for preserves, pies, or dried like raisins. The plant grows 2' tall and 4' wide, and when the marble- size fruits are ripe, they drop to the ground. This Polish heirloom originated in the mountains of South America. Great for conainers.65 days.

Peppers

Hot

Big Jim (NuMex)- Big Jim lives up to its name with huge 12", mildly hot peppers. The flesh is thick, and the flavor is incredible. The determinate plants produce 24-30 fruit on sturdy 24" to 36" high bushes. This New Mexico chili is perfect for Chili rellenos. 75-80 days

Habanero -A close relative of the Scotch Bonnet, this pepper is fruity with citrus notes, and searingly hot. The pretty plants get 2'-3' tall with moderate yields of green to orange peppers. 75 days.

Hungarian Yellow Wax- This heirloom pepper was cultivated in Central Europe for centuries and was introduced to the U.S. in the 1930's. The 6", waxy, banana-shaped fruit matures from a pale yellow to a bright red. The flavor is described as pleasantly hot. The plants are dwarf, bushy, and productive, great for container gardens. 65 days.

Early Jalapeno- Earlier and better adapted to cooler climates than other jalapenos. The heirloom plants bear an abundant harvest of 3" long, flavorful, medium-hot fruit that ripen from green to red. A great choice for containers because of its compact size. 65 days green, 85 days red.

Jalapeno Gigante -An enormous jalapeno, these delicious medium-hot peppers grow 5" long and are perfect for stuffing or salsa. The plants are productive, and compact enough to grow in a container or small garden. 70 days green, 80 days red

Ancho Poblano -Referred to as Poblano when used fresh, and Ancho when dried, this is one of the most popular peppers in Mexico for stuffing and mole. This heirloom originated in the state of Puebla, Mexico. The flat, heart-shaped, 3" to 6" long peppers turn reddish-brown when mature and are mildly hot. Branched, productive plants are well-suited for containers. 80 days.

Serrano -Serrano is a reference to the mountains (sierras) in Mexico where these heirloom peppers originated. The peppers are small, 1-4" long, very hot when green, and much hotter when red. Each plant yields dozens of fruits. Good for containers and small gardens. 75 days green, 90 days red

Greek Pepperoncini -This is the pickled pepper commonly used in Greek salads and on pizzas. The crisp, yellowish-green fruit are crisp, slightly sweet, tangy, and mildly hot. The 2-3' tall plants are prolific. Harvest when peppers are yellowish-green and 2-4" long for the best flavor. 75 days

Sweet

Antohi Romanian -When Jan Antohi, a Romanian acrobat, defected, he brought the seeds of this heirloom pepper with him. Each plant is a prolific producer of thick-walled, 4-5" peppers that ripen from a light cream to a dark red color. The sweet and fruity flavor of the fruit is enhanced by cooking, making this a perfect frying pepper. Harvest is early and heavy. 50 days to yellow, 75 days to red

California Wonder -A favorite of gardeners for decades, this heirloom was introduced in 1928. The 4" bell-shaped peppers are blocky, thick-walled and flavorful. Great for stuffing, sauteing, and eating fresh. The plant is upright and ever bearing. 50 days to green, 75 days to red

Etiuda - The flavor of this beautiful Polish pepper is outstanding. The ½ lb. fruit are mandarin-orange in color, and crisp, juicy, and very sweet in flavor. This heirloom plant is tall, and an early and heavy producer of candy sweet peppers. 75 days

King of the North -Known for its ability to produced good sized peppers in cool or hot weather, this heirloom has been popular in northern areas since the 1940's. The fruit is large (6" X 4"), blocky, and

nicely flavored whether it is green or red. The medium-sized, multibranched plant is a heavy producer.
70 days

Sunbright- These beautiful, bright golden yellow peppers are delicious cooked or eaten fresh. The fruit is crisp, sweet, and 5" long to 7" wide. The medium size plants produce good yields of peppers. 75 days

Sweet Banana - A 1941 AAS winner, this Hungarian heirloom produces abundant 6" long peppers. The spicy, sweet fruit starts yellow and turns scarlet red when fully ripe. Great pickled or eaten fresh. 75 days.