



Search for These Texas Varieties

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Why is selecting the proper vegetable varieties so important? If you've been gardening for any length of time, you are well aware that there are many, many different varieties of garden vegetables. However, only three or four varieties of any one vegetable are well suited or adapted to your particular area of Texas.

Get the varieties that do well in your area of the state. Planting proven varieties is much better than picking varieties because of catchy names or availability. Listed below are the vegetable varieties recommended for use in Texas gardens. Your local county Extension agent may also have a listing of additional varieties worthy of use in your area.

Asparagus

UC 157, Jersey Giant, Jersey Gem

Beans

Snap - Topcrop, Tendercrop, Tendergreen, Kentucky Wonder, Greencrop

Pinto - UI-114, Dwarf Horticultural, Luna

Lima - Jackson Wonder, Florida Butter, Henderson Bush

Beets

Pacemaker, Detroit Dark Red

Broccoli

Packman, Baccus, Green Comet

Cabbage

Bravo, Rio Verde, Red Rookie

Carrots

Texas Gold Spike, Orlando Gold

Cauliflower

Snow Crown

Chinese Cabbage

Jade Pagoda, Monument, Napa, China Pride

Cucumbers

Slicers - Poinsett 76, Sweet Success, Dasher II, Sweet Slice

Pickling - Calypso, Carolina

Eggplant

Florida Market, Florida High Bush

Oriental Eggplant

Tycoon

Garlic

Texas White

Greens

Collards - Blue Max, Georgia Southern

Chard - Lucullus, Ruby

Kale

Vates, Blue Knight

Lettuce

Crisp Head - Mission

Loose Leaf - Prizehead, Red Sails, Black-Seeded Simpson

Butter Head - Buttercrunch

Melons

Cantaloupe - Mission, Primo, Caravelle

Honey Dew - TAM Dew, Honey Star

Mustard

Green Wave, Tendergreen, Southern Giant Curl

Okra

Clemson Spineless, Lee, Emerald

Onions

Bulb - Texas 1015 Y, Early Grano 502, Granex 33

Green - Evergreen Bunching, Crystal Wax

Pepper

Bell - Supersweet 860, Capistrano

Hot - TAM Mild Jalepeño, TAM Hidalgo Serrano

Sweet Jalepeño-shaped - Rio Grande Gold

Potatoes

Irish - Red: Red LaSoda, Norland;

White: Kennebec

Sweet - Beauregard, TAMU Corder, Centennial, Jewel

Pumpkin

Large - Connecticut Field, Big Max

Medium - Jack O'Lantern, Funny Face

Small - Jack-Be-Little

Radish

Cherry Belle, Sparkler, White Icicle

Southern Peas

Purple Hulls - TX Pink Eye

Cream - Cream 40, Champion

Black Eye - California #5

Crowder - Mississippi Silver, Zipper

Spinach

Savoy - Green Valley II, Ozarka II, Fall Green, Coho (semi-savoy)

Squash

Summer - Goldie, Gold Bar, Multipik

Zucchini - President, Senator

Butternut - Waltham, Early Butternut

Sweet Corn

Summer Sweet 7800, Sweet G-90, Kandy Korn, Silver Queen, Guadalupe Gold

Tomatoes

Bingo VF, Carnival VF, Heatwave VF, Celebrity VFNT, Merced VF, Surefire VF, SunMaster VF

Cherry Tomato

Small Fry, Cherry Grande

Turnips

White Lady, Royal Globe II

Watermelon

Standard - Jubilee, Royal Charleston, Royal Jubilee, Royal Sweet, Sangria, All Sweet

Seedless - Tri X-133, King of Hearts