



RIVERDALE
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Vegetables

Artichoke (*Cynara cardunculus*)



Imperial Star

Specially bred for annual production. 3-4' tall, spreading plants typically produce 6-8 mature buds, average 3-4" diameter, per plant. Easy to grow. 85 days.

Asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*)



Jersey Knight

Excellent high yielding variety introduced from Rutgers University. Does well in heavy soils. Good resistance to rust and highly tolerant to fusarium. Ready for moderate harvest a year after planting and full harvest every mid-late spring thereafter for many years.

Beets (*Beta vulgaris*)



Bull's Blood

Heirloom variety produces deep burgundy leaves for salad or micro mix. Roots show attractive candy-striped zoning when sliced. 35 days baby leaf. 58 days roots.



Red Ace

The best all-round red beet. Round, smooth, sweet and tender, deep red, uniform roots. Medium-tall, red-veined greens for bunching. 50 days.



Touchstone Gold

Excellent, sweet flavor and retains its golden color when cooked. Smooth, round roots with green petioles and leaves. 55 days.

Bok Choy (*Brassica rapa chinensis*)



Black Summer Choi

Broad, flat, light green petioles are topped with oval dark green leaves. Forms a perfect vase shape even when small. Nice compliment to 'Joi Choi'. Very slow bolting. 45 days.



Red Choi

Excellent for micro mix, baby leaf, and full size. Leaves change from dark green with maroon veins at micro size to dark maroon with green undersides at full size. 45 days.



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Bok Choy (*Brassica rapa chinensis*)



Joi Choi

Heavy, vigorous white-stem Bok Choy. Broad, 12-15" tall, heavy bunch with dark green leaves and thick, flattened white petioles. 50 days



Rosie

Full, 12" tall, vase shaped plants with bright red leaves and greenish-red stems. Pairs well with green or white stemmed bok chois. Also excellent as baby leaf. 21 days baby, 45 days full size.

Broccoli (*Brassica oleracea italica*)



Bay Meadows

Beautiful, blue-green, well-domed heads. Widely adapted variety performs well under stressful conditions. 60 days.



Green Magic

Heads are smooth, well domed, and very attractive. Extremely uniform in maturity. Superior heat tolerance. 57 days.



Imperial

Best heat tolerance. Heads are dark green with small attractive beads. Best suited for harvest in summer in areas of moderate heat. 71 days.

Cabbage (*Brassica oleracea capitata*)



Alcosa

Savoy cabbage. Early producer of dense, round, 2-4 lb., deep blue-green, crinkled heads. Well-packed, thin, yellow, flavorful interior leaves quickly fill in. 72 days.



Ruby perfection

The No. 1 fancy fall storage red cabbage. The heads are medium-sized, dense, and have a uniform high-round shape with good wrapper leaves. Good field holding ability. 85 days.

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Cabbage (*Brassica oleracea capitata*)



Tendersweet

Great flavor. Medium size, flat heads resist splitting. Tender, very thin, sweet, and crisp leaves are perfect for coleslaw or stir-fries. The leaves, used whole or cut into squares, are also suitable for wraps. 71 days.

Carrots (*Daucus carota var. sativus*)



Napoli

Ideal for over-wintering. Cylindrical, smooth, blunt roots with a sweet taste. Best for growing in fall for winter harvest. 58 days.



Romance

Deep orange, blunt-tipped roots average 6-7" long. Excellent uniformity. High yielding plants with medium-size healthy tops. 65 days.

Cauliflower (*Brassica oleracea botrytis*)



Snow Crown

Remarkably early and dependable. This hybrid shows unusual vigor producing good-quality, medium-sized heads whether harvested summer or fall. 50 days.

Celery (*Apium graveolens*)



Tango

Produces full, upright heads packed with crisp, flavorful stalks. Performs well under heat and moisture stress and in soils of average fertility. 80 days.

Cucumbers (*Cucumis sativus*)



General Lee

Slicer. Bred for the South, where it is a widely grown standard. Dark fruits with white spines are uniform, attractive and average 8-9" long. 52 days.



Jackson Classic

Pickling. High-yielding plants with broad disease resistance stay healthy over a long season. Cukes are dark green and blocky with white spines. 49 days.

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Eggplant (*Solanum melongena*)



Orient Express

Asian. Glossy, slender, black fruits 8-10". Tender delicate flavor. Quick cooking. Outstanding early production. Sets fruit in cool weather or under heat stress. 58 days.



Nadia

Italian. Classic, large, uniform, 7" x 4", dark purple fruits with green calyx are glossy and blemish free. Tall, sturdy plants can set fruit under cool conditions. 67 days.



Rosa Bianca

Italian Heirloom. Plump and ribbed, 4-5" round. White and violet streaked. Mild, creamy flavor. Likes warm nights for high yield. 73 days.



Hansel

Mini eggplant. Solid purple. Harvest fruit at 3-4". Compact 25-26" plants produce tender fruit clusters. Non-bitter. Perfect for grilling or on pizza. 2008 AAS winner. 55 days.

Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*)



Orazio

Large, thick, rounded bulbs are crisp and flavorful with a nice anise flavor. Uniform and high yielding. 80 days.

Kale (*Brassica oleracea*)



Redbor

Deep, red-purple, frilly leaves. For full-size bunching, baby salad mix, or garnish. Redness and curling are enhanced by cold weather. Very productive. 55 days.



Red Russian

Tender, colorful specialty for salad mix. Stems are purple, leaves are deep gray-green, purple-veined, flat, non-curved and tooth-edged. Leaves are very tender. 25 days baby, 50 days mature.

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Kale (*Brassica oleracea*)



Starbor

Standard dark green, curled kale. Tall, high yielding plants with superior cold hardiness. High percentage of well curled, blue-green, ruffled leaves, and re-grows vigorously for successive harvests. 60 days.



Toscano

Lacinato or “dinosaur” type Italian heirloom. Extra-dark green, noncurled but heavily savoyed leaves. Rich, tender leaves have a softer texture than curly green kales. Tolerant of both hot and cold weather. 30 days baby, 65 days mature.

Leeks (*Allium porrum*)



King Richard

Remarkable earliness and length up to a foot long to the first leaf. Upright, medium green leaves. For baby leeks, plant closely and harvest at finger size. 75 days.

Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*)

Green Butterhead/Bibb



Adriana

The first dark green butterhead lettuce with heat tolerance. Top-rated, excellent quality and strong tolerance to tipburn and bolting. 48 days



Buttercrunch

Crisp and sweet. Forms a small, open but tightly bunched, 6” rosette with dark green leaves and small compact hearts that blanch to an appetizing yellow color. 28 days baby, 46 days full size.

Greenleaf



Green Star

Brightest green color. Bright green color makes it look especially “fresh” for retail sales and in salads. Superior tolerance to hot weather, bolting and tipburn. 53 days.



Tropicana

Best heat and bolt tolerance of greenleaf types. Plants produce full heads with heavy, medium green leaves. Tolerant to tip burn. 52 days.

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Green Oakleaf



Panisse

Large, bright green, lobed leaves form dense heads with a long harvest window. Excellent flavor. 28 days baby, 48 days full size.



Salad Bowl

Forms large, lime-green rosettes of delicate, lobed, oakleaf-like leaves. Good resistance to bolting and moderate heat tolerance. 1952 AAS winner. 28 days baby, 49 days full size.

Green Romaine



Green Forest

An early, tall, dark green, Paris Island type. Slow bolting, tolerant to tipburn, and has smooth ribs. Leaves are thick, crisp, juicy and sweet. 56 days.



Winter Density

Specialty bibb-romaine type. Compact, extra-dark green heads with very tightly folded leaves. A unique, long popular English lettuce. Good salad quality. 28 days baby, 54 days full size.

Green Lollo



Livigna

Compact and slow to bolt. Uniform heads are bright lime-green. Upright growth habit protects against bottom rot. 53 days.

Green Summer Crisp



Nevada

Bright green leaves form dense, closed heads. Plants resist tipburn, bottom rot, and bolting. Great flavor stays mild. 48 days.

Red Butterhead



Red Cross

The reddest butterhead. Large, fancy, bright red heads with a soft, folded, and blanched heart. Excellent sweet flavor. Good heat tolerance. 48 days.



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Redleaf



New Red Fire

Heavy, full heads with frilly leaves of deep red over green. Taste stays mild for a long time without bitterness. Slow bolting. 55 days.

Red Oakleaf



Oscarde

Lobed leaves are a deep cherry-red, turning bright green toward the dense, tender heart. Long-time favorite for its appealing colors and texture. 45 days.



Red Salad Bowl

Radiant burgundy-red, deeply lobed, delicate oak-like leaves. Matures early, holds it mild, non-bitter salad quality a long time, and is slow to bolt. 28 days baby, 51 days full size.

Red Romaine



Outredgeous

Outstanding, solid bright red leaves with ruffled edges. Full-sized heads are big, tall, and beautiful. Very flavorful. 28 days baby, 57 days full size.



Red Rosie

Outstanding, solid bright red leaves with ruffled edges. Full-sized heads are big, tall, and beautiful. Very flavorful. 28 days baby, 57 days full size.

Red Lollo



Dark Red Lollo Rossa

Heavily frilled green leaves with dark red edges. Good red color even in low light conditions. More compact and slower growing than other lettuce types. 30 days.

Red Summer Crisp



Cherokee

Dark red leaves for mini-head or full size. Thick, crisp, dark red leaves with good sweet flavor. Very slow bolting and excellent heat tolerance. 48 days.



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Onions (*Allium cepa*)



Evergreen Hardy White

The most winter-hardy bunching onion. Little or no bulbing. May be handled as a perennial by dividing the clumps the second summer to produce a new crop. 65 days.

Peas (*Pisum sativum*)



Sugar Snap

Famous from coast to coast since its introduction in 1979. Pods are over 3" long, very sweet, and bear over a long picking period. Tall, 6' vines need support. 62 days.

Peppers (*Capsicum annuum*)

Sweet Bell



Red Knight

Green/Red bell. Big, blocky fruits are early to turn red. Plants are compact and open. Widely adapted variety. 57 days green, 77 days red.



Flavorburst

Yellow Bell. Medium-large bright-yellow bell. Excellent, sweet, fruity taste. Strong plant with good yield potential. 67 days green. 87 days yellow.



Gourmet

Orange Bell. Thick, juicy, bright orange fruits with sweet taste. Medium-large, very blocky fruits. Easy to grow under a wide variety of conditions..65 days green, 85 days orange ripe.



Islander

Purple Bell. Medium-sized with thick skin. Mild, sweet taste. Ripens in stages of violet, yellow and orange to rich, dark red. Strong plant. 56 days lavender, 81 days dark-red.



Sweet Sunrise

Yellow/Orange Bell. Medium-large, 3 and 4 lobed, blocky to slightly elongated fruits. Sturdy, medium-sized plant yields well and fruits ripen early. Sweet, fruity flavor. 65 days green, 85 days yellow ripe.



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Sweet Specialty



Lipstick

Considered to be the most flavorful sweet pepper. Dark green fruit ripens to a glossy-red with a long, tapered or blunt point. Thick, juicy fruit good for salads, cooking, roasting or salsa. Early, heavy yield. 53 days green, 73 days red.



Carmen

Lovely, sweet taste for salads or roasting, especially when partially or fully carmine-red ripe. Best tasting sweet Italian frying pepper. Upright, medium-size plants. 60 days green, 80 days red ripe.

Hot Pepper



Habanero

Super hot! Fruits ripen from dark green to salmon orange. May be used fresh or dried. Key ingredient in Jamaican “jerk” sauces. 75 days green, 100 days orange ripe.



Golden Ghost

Bright golden yellow habanero. Extremely hot! Big, bushy plants are very prolific. 74 days green, 94 days yellow ripe.



Red Rocket

Medium hot. Thin, 5-6” long fruits taper to a point and turn bright red. Great for hot sauce and drying for flakes. Early, high yielding and quick drying for ristras. Widely adapted. 55 days green, 75 days red.

Southwestern



Ancho/Poblano ‘Tiburón’

Medium-hot. Authentic mildly-pungent ancho taste. Heart-shaped, thick-walled fruits turn from black-green to red. Known as poblano when green and ancho when dried. Big sturdy plants. 65 days green, 85 red.



Anaheim ‘Numex Joe E Parker’

Great for stuffing (chile rellanos), grilling and roasting. Strong, sturdy, upright plants produce thick, mildly hot, 6-8” long peppers. 70 days green, 95 days red.



Jalapeno ‘El Jefe’

Medium hot. Widely grown in United States and Mexico. Cylindrical, dark-green 3-4” long fruit. Very smooth fruits. Heavy-yielding, tall plants. Eat fresh, stuffed, roasted or pickled. 65 days green, 90 days red.



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Southwestern



Jalapeno 'Jalafuego'

Medium hot. Possibly the highest yielding jalapeno. Smooth, 3-4" long, dark green fruits. Large plants are later than El Jefe to begin producing but have a higher yield potential. 70 days green, 93 days red.



Serrano 'Hot Rod'

Very hot. Early, large, 3 " cylindrical fruits. Quickly turns from dark green to scarlet red. Excellent flavor. Eat fresh, in green sauces, or cooked in dishes. Highly productive. 57 days green. 77 days scarlet red.

Radishes (*Raphanus sativus*)



Crunchy Royale

Beautiful smooth, wine-red, extremely uniform roots have a pleasantly mild, sweet flavor. Crisp and slow to become pithy. 28 days.



D'Avignon

A traditional variety from Southern France. The radishes are 3-4" long, slender, 2/3 red, with a white tip, tapered to a point. Good fresh market specialty with medium tops. 21 days.

Sorrel (*Rumex spp.*)



French Sorrel

Tender, fresh green leaves have an intense lemony flavor. Produces some of the earliest greens in spring and latest in fall. Use in salads, soups and sauces. Perennial. 35 days baby, 60 days full size.



Red Veined Sorrel

Bloody Sorrel. Bright green leaves with contrasting dark maroon stems and veins. Same tangy flavor as regular sorrel. Best when harvested young for baby salad mixes. 55 days.

Spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*)



Space

Smooth-leaf type. Tried and true variety. May be used for baby-leaf, but is best for full size production. Slow to bolt. Dark green leaves. 42 days.



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Spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*)



Kookaburra

Dark green, semi-savoyed leaves with upright growth habit. Suitable for spring, summer, and fall crops. Easy to harvest for both baby and full size leaves. 27 days baby, 37 days full size.

Swiss Chard (*Beta vulgaris cicla*)



Bright Lights

Stems of many colors including gold, pink, orange, purple, red, and white. Lightly savoyed, green or bronze leaves. Mild tasting. 28 days baby, 55 days bunching.



Magenta Sunset

Pink-veined baby leaves are excellent in salad mix. At full size, the narrow pink stems and smooth leaves have a mild flavor. 28 days baby, 55 days bunching.



Ruby Red

Candy-apple red stems with dark green, red-veined leaves. Excellent as a true red color in salad mixes. Tender and good tasting. 32 days baby, 59 days bunching.

Tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*)

Heirloom Tomatoes



Amish Paste

A long-time favorite heirloom plum. Large, 8-12 oz., meaty fruits with excellent flavor. Good in salads and great for processing. A Slow Food USA Ark of Taste variety. 85 days.



Black Krim

Russian heirloom. Bold smoky flavor and good texture with an unusual appearance. Deep red fruits have brown/green shoulders that get darker with more heat and sunlight. High yielding. 80 days.



Brandywine

One of the best-tasting. Luscious flavor is very rich, loud, and distinctively spicy. Large fruits with deep-pink skin and red flesh. Indeterminate. 78 days. ‘

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Heirloom Tomatoes



Cherokee Purple

Unusual variety with full flavor. Medium-large, flattened globe fruits. Color is dusky pink with dark shoulders and multicolor interior. Indeterminate. 72 days.



German Johnson

More vigorous, higher-yielding, Brandywine type. Deep pink fruits with an excellent acidic tomato flavor and a rich, creamy texture. 75 days.



Japanese Black Trifele

Unusual pear shape. Burgundy colored 4-6 oz. fruit with excellent, rich flavor. Harvest when shoulders are still green for best taste. Indeterminate. 74 days.



Nepal

Medium-large, globe-shaped bright red fruits are rather soft but meaty with plenty of excellent old-fashioned tomato flavor. Indeterminate. 78 days.



Pruden's Purple

Early Brandywine type. Large to very large fruits are flattened and smooth and resist cracking. Vivid dark-pink skin with crimson flesh. Indeterminate. 67 days.



Rose

Rivals 'Brandywine' for taste. Deep pink and smoother and every bit as large, meaty and flavorful. Indeterminate. 78 days.



Speckled Roman

An elongated plum tomato with bright red skin and golden streaks. Meaty red flesh has little juice, is good for fresh eating, and cooks quickly into sauce. 85 days.



Striped German

Bicolor red and yellow fruit. Flat, medium to large fruit with variably ribbed shoulder. Complex, fruity flavor and smooth texture. Indeterminate. 78 days.

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Heirloom Tomatoes



Valencia

Sunny orange fruits with full tomato flavor. Round, smooth fruits with meaty interiors and few seeds. Among the best for mid-season flavor and texture. Indeterminate. 76 days.



Yellow Brandywine

An orange old-timer with rich taste. Same qualities as 'Brandywine' but with orange fruits. Larger than Valencia. Indeterminate. 78 days.



Yellow Pear Tomato

Petite, distinctive salad tomato. Tall, vigorous vine bears many small, 1 oz., lemon-yellow, pear-shaped fruits. Mild flavor. Indeterminate. 70 days.

Hybrid Tomatoes



Big Beef

Nice combination of size, taste, and earliness. Full-flavored globe-shaped fruits ripen early for their size. 1994 AAS Winner. Indeterminate. 70 days.



Celebrity

Vigorous, long-popular variety with good taste. Medium-large, flavorful, globe-shaped, firm red fruits ripen midseason. Widely adapted. Determinate. 72 days.



Chef's Choice Orange

Attractive orange beefsteak. Early and high yielding. Large, 8-11 oz., fruits are low in acid and have very good flavor and texture. AAS winner. Indeterminate. 75 days.



New Girl

Early, great tasting and disease resistant. Beautiful clusters of deep red fruit. Widely adapted. Indeterminate. 62 days.



Pink Berkeley Tie Dye

Outstanding flavor-sweet and complex like the finest heirlooms. Fruits are dark pink with green stripping, and the flesh is pink with yellow streaks. Compact plants. Indeterminate. 70 days.

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Hybrid Tomatoes



Taxi

Meaty, 4-6 oz. baseball-sized, lemon-yellow tomatoes. Compact, dark green vines produce smooth, blemish-free globes with a small stem scar. Attractive, sweet-flavored, and easy to grow. Determinate. 64 days.

Saladette, Sauce, Cherry Tomatoes



Golden Rave

Yellow Roma. High yields of sunny small, 2 oz fruits. Full, well-balanced, sweet flavor for fresh eating or cooking. Indeterminate. 67 days.



Juliet

Sweet plum. Early clusters of deep red, shiny, 1 ½-2 oz. fruits with rich tomato taste. Great for salsa, sauces, and snacking. Indeterminate. 60 days.



Supersweet 100

The classic sweet, cherry tomato. Reliable prolific yields of great tasting fruits produced in large clusters. Widely adapted. Indeterminate. 60 days.



Tiren

Early, large classic Italian plum. Tall vines produce heavy yields of long, cylindrical fruit with delicious, balanced acidic flavor, and meaty flesh. Highest quality variety for sauce. Indeterminate. 78 days.



Sun Gold

Exceptionally sweet, bright tangerine-orange cherry tomatoes. Vigorous plants start yielding early and bear right through the season. The taste can't be beat! Indeterminate. 57 days.

Tomatillo (*Physalis ixocarpa*)



Toma Verde

Early-maturing, large, flat-round green fruits. Large, vigorous plants are highly productive. Used extensively in Mexican cooking. Essential ingredient for green salsa. 60 days

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