



Vegetable Trials Top Producers 2020

Franklin County Master Gardener Volunteers

What should I plant this year? To help home gardeners in Franklin County answer this question, Master Gardener volunteers manage the Vegetable Trials research garden. Each year, two or more varieties of the vegetables most popular among home gardeners are raised using good cultural practices and evaluated for plant health and yield.

Following are the best producers:

Category	Type	Variety	Days to Maturity	Trial Year	Description
Beans	green, bush	Provider	50	2017	Adaptable to weather; high disease resistance
Beets	yellow	Boldor	84	2019	Yellow flesh with strong tops
Beets	red	Merlin	59	2016	Stand out flavor; 3-4 inch diameter
Carrots		Danvers	65-87	2019	Stores well; sweet, tender; high yield in heavy and clay soil
Collards		Top Bunch	54	2016	Earliest to harvest; tall; savoyed leaf
Cucumbers	slicing	Saber	76	2016	Sweet; juicy; few/no seeds; 7" disease resistant
Eggplant		Galine	65	2019	Glossy, black to purple, firm; mild, non-bitter plants; high yield
Kale	lacinato	Black Magic	65	2019	15" wide, 19" tall improved lacinato, superior performance
Kale	ruffled	Scarlet	44-60	2019	Purple broad frilly leaves grow 2-3' tall on upright stalks, high yield
Lettuce	romaine	Forellenschluss	40-55	2019	Slow bolt; heat tolerant
Lettuce	romaine	Crisp Mint	25	2016	Organic; compound heads to 10"
Peas		Sugar Snap	58	2019	Thick-walled edible pod

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Pepper	hot	La Bomba	132	2018 2019	Disease resistant jalapeño pepper; small fruit; high yield
Pepper	sweet, red	Lipstick	129	2016	4" heart-shaped; 55 days green, 75 days red
Pepper	sweet, green	Wonder Bell	122	2016	Large 4-lobed fruit; thick walled; green to red
Potato	Sweet	Beauregard	97	2016, 2018, 2019	Plump, long tubers; sweet, rich, orange flesh
Radish		Crunchy Crimson	28	2019	Red outside w/ white flesh, crisp, juicy
Radish		French Breakfast	44	2017	Long; easy to grow; crisp; mild spicy flavor
Spinach		Kolibri	29-45	2019	"Cut & come again"; semi savoy leaf
Squash, Summer	patty pan	Sunburst	52	2019	Scalloped, yellow; 3' bush habit; pick from baby size up to 6- 8" across
Squash, Summer	green	Latino	55	2018	Romanesco type; dark/light striping; green, flavorful flesh
Squash, Summer	yellow	Gold Star	67	2016	Crookneck; broadly adaptable; 5-7"
Squash, Winter	butternut	Waldo	100	2018	High yield; 3-4lb. fruits; good storage
Squash, Winter	butternut	Autumn's Choice	96	2017	Unusual coloring; rich, sweet flavor; powdery mildew resistant
Swiss Chard		Fordhook Giant	50-60	2019	High yield
Tomato	paste	Amish Paste	85	2019	Bright red; good for sauce, paste, eating; indeterminate; meaty & juicy
Tomato	orange	Chef's Choice	75	2019	Beefsteak; high yielding; very flavorful
Tomato	slicing	Damsel	73	2019	Compact indeterminate; pink, globe
Tomato	cherry	Valentine	55	2019	Massive early yields; deep dark red for best flavor

More detailed results of the annual Vegetable Trials are available at: <https://franklin.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers/veggie-trials>