



Vegetable Trials Top Producers 2023

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	Affirmed	56	2022	High yielding, compact plants with good disease resistance
Beans	wax, bush	Gold Mine	55	2020	Crisp, ultra-sweet 5-6" beans that grow in clusters for easy harvest
Beets	yellow	Boldor	84	2019	Yellow flesh with strong tops
Beets	red	Boro	50	2020	Tough, reliable, smooth skin, good tops
Carrots		Danvers	65-87	2019	Stores well; sweet, tender; high yield in heavy and clay soil
Collards		Georgia Southern	80	2019	Slow to bolt; 2-3' tall; tender, mild, juicy yield
Cucumber		Early Fortune	55-60	2022	Prolific Fruits up to 8" long
Eggplant	heirloom	Listada de Gandia	60-70	2022	Fruits are 5-6" long with white and purple stripes

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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	Parris Island Cos	65	2022	Large heads up to 12" tall
Pepper	hot	Big Boss Man Hybrid	80-90	2022	Mild ancho-poblano with prolific large 7" x 3" dark green fruits
Pepper	yellow	Slovana Hybrid	65-70	2021	6" x 2" pyramidal fruit that transitions from light green to pale yellow
Pepper	sweet	Cornito Giallo	55-75	2022	6" x 2" pyramidal fruit that transitions from green to orange
Radish		German Giant	29	2020	Crimson outside w/ white flesh; firm, crisp; 1 1/2" across; globe shaped
Radish		Royal Purple	33-35	2019	Purple outside w/ white firm flesh; sweet mild flavor
Spinach		Kolibri	29-45	2019	"Cut & come again"; semi savoy leaf
Squash, Summer	yellow	Goldfinch	50	2022	Early steady yields on upright easy harvest plants
Squash, Summer	zucchini	Green Machine	45	2018	Open zucchini plant with 7-8" fruits; intermediate resistance to diseases
Squash, Winter	butternut	Waldo	100	2018	High yield; 3-4 lb. fruits; good storage
Squash, Winter	spaghetti	Small Wonder	75-80	2018	6x5" oval-shaped fruit; sweet yellow flesh
Sweet Potato		Beauregard	97	2020 2021 2022	Plump, long tubers; sweet, rich, orange flesh
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	beefsteak	Chef's Choice	75	2019	Orange; high yielding; very flavorful
Tomato	slicing	Estiva	70	2021 2022	7-9 oz. delicious uniform fruit; highly productive plants
Tomato	cherry	Hartman Yellow Gooseberry	75	2021 2022	Large plants yield large yellow fruit; mildly sweet flavor

More detailed results of the annual Vegetable Trials are available at go.osu.edu/franklinveggietrials

