

Recommended Vegetable Varieties-Collin County Master Gardeners

Asparagus

UC157	excellent, green, slow to fern
Atlas	new, purple-tipped, slow to fern
Purple Passion	mild flavor, purple, less productive

Beans

Blue Lake	old standard, reliable, good flavor
Contender	vigorous, easy to pick, good flavor
Nash	heat tolerant, good flavor
Festina	reliable, good flavor

Beets

Detroit Dark Red	do well early spring through summer, mulch well, greens are great when young
Lutz Green Leaf	good for greens
Golden	tasty and beautiful, heirloom

Bok Choy

Red Choi	good flavor when small, grows well in containers, red foliage
Joi Choi	fast maturing, heat tolerant

Cabbage

Savoy types	grows well here, slow to bolt in heat, tastes good, needs consistent BT applications for cabbageworm
Mammoth Red Rock	large red cabbage, overwinters pretty well, heirloom

Cantaloupe

Ambrosia	very prolific, sweet 2 - 3 lb. melons, about 14 per plant
Caravelle	produces a large amount of melons with great taste
Superstar	
French Orange	super sweet, firm, produces June - October

Carrots

Rainbow F1	mixed colors of very sweet slender carrots
Danvers Half Long	broad shoulders, very tasty, will oversummer without much damage
Sweet Treat	short, sweet
Purple Dragon	dark purple skin, sweet orange inside

Caluliflower/Broccoli

Violet Queen	purple intermediate type with cauliflower leaves and broccoli-like head, delicious, gorgeous, takes light frost
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Corn

Hickory King	white, open pollinated For grits or tortilla flour, harvest in late summer when dry or harvest young for roasting ears.
Mirai	short plant, excellent flavor
many varieties	but should be 65 day corn for here to avoid high temperatures and earworms

Cucumber

Sweet Success	average length, needs lots of mulch
Sumpter	pickling size, stays sweet
Dasher II	large size, good tasting slicer

Eggplant

Dusky	late to produce so you can plant seedlings later in spring
Ichiban	long cylindrical type for slicing
Gretel	2009 AAS winner, lots of long, small, slender white fruits, medium sized plant, good in containers

Garlic - Red Toch

softneck, redstreaked, large bulbs, matures a bit earlier

Leek - Giant Musselburgh

huge, overwinters well, heirloom

Lettuce

Buttercrunch	sweet, butter head
Green Ice	consistent, loose-leaf
Prize Leaf	red-tipped loose-leaf
Little Caesar	good flavor, romaine
New Red Fire	looks good, large heads, tastes great
Simpson Elite	

Okra

Cajun Delight	lower, produces more per linear foot of rows
Clemson Spineless	2 or 3 plants per family are plenty, pick often

Onions

Yellow Granex Hybrid 33	sweet mild flavor
White, Yellow or Red Granex	consistent and sweet, flat
1015	large, sweet, round, yellow
Bermuda	old favorite, hard to find, flat, sweet

Peas

English Pea - Maestro	sweet, moderately mildew resistant, raised bed only
Sugar Snap Pea	
Super Sugar Snap	sweet, plump, productive, raised bed only
Sugar Ann	good producer of fat, edible pod snap peas

Peppers

Big Daddy	light yellow, marconi-type sweet pepper, very prolific
Fish	variegated foliage and fruit, gorgeous, ethnic heirloom, containers
Fat and Sassy	reliable, green to red
Tequila	beautiful lilac, productive
Orange Sun	sweet and beautiful
Early Sunation	large, green to yellow, sweet
Holy Mole	very prolific, hot pepper used to make traditional Mole sauce
Hungarian Wax	small but prolific plants with fairly hot fruit, heirloom
jalapeno	easy to grow, compact plant, does well in containers
jalapeno 'mucho nacho'	plump red, not mild, but not real hot
Mariachi hybrid	spicy taste with mild heat, ripens in cream color and then turns red, 4" long, 2" wide, prolific, 65 days to harvest
Mexibell	hot, but looks like a bell pepper

Potatoes

LaSoda	good quality, red skinned
Kennebec	large, white keeper
Yukon Gold	flavorful, yellow, small to medium
Desiree	Excellent, small, yellow, gourmet
Caribe	pretty, purple skinned, white
Russian Banana	easy to grow, versatile fingerling potato, disease resistant

Radish

Easter Egg	mixed colors, tasty, easy to grow, matures quickly
French Breakfast	elongated red radish with white tip, mild flavor, easy to grow
Nero Tondo	Spanish black radish, gets quite large, very tasty and easy to grow

Squash

Zebra Zuke	delicious, striped, productive
Sunray	yellow, mild
Gentry	yellow crookneck, apparently bred for the South
Greyzini	matures and produces extra early before vine borers take hold, great flavor
Zephyr	a bi-colored 3-way hybrid of yellow crookneck, delicata and yellow acorn squash, delicious, prolific

Swiss Chard

Bright Lights	very easy, withstands high heat without bitterness, cut-and-come-again growing habit, pretty
Fordhook Giant	very large and very tasty, attractive landscape plant if grown in rich soil

Tomatoes - Large

Early Girl	easy to grow, tasty, matures quickly
Celebrity	tasty, disease resistant, handles uneven moisture better than most so less cracking, firm, easy to slice
Carnival	old favorite, large, flavorful
Carbon	dark fleshed, excellent flavor
Paul Robeson	brick colored, complex flavor, heirloom

Tomatoes - Small

Juliet	small red paste tomato, abundant elongated fruits, good flavor, keeps producing in summer, ripens in 60 days
Sweet Baby Girl	small red cherry tomato, tender, sweet flavor, produces over long period of time ripens in 65 days
Sweet Gold	yellow cherry tomato, abundant clusters of yellow-gold tomatoes, fruity flavor, tender, long season, ripens in 60 days
Porter	small red tomato, less cracking than sweet 100s
Sugary	very tasty, large producer
Yellow Pear	incredibly prolific, indeterminate, heirloom

Turnips

Purple Top	
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These varieties have been recommended by members of the Collin County Master Gardener Association as plants they have successfully grown. You may need to order seed to grow some of these plants. There are many other varieties available and there are many other lists of recommendations. Go to our website www.ccmgatx.org for more information.