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Selected Vegetable Varieties for Nebraska

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Vegetable varieties selected for home gardens should be adapted to the growing conditions in your area. These selected varieties will prosper in most areas of Nebraska. This is only a partial list; other varieties are available which may do well in your area. Your gardening experience, personal likes and dislikes, and intended use of your produce will determine desired varieties.

All-American selections are designated by an asterisk*. They are varieties which have been tested at trial gardens around the country. Varieties must be widely adapted and provide a quality product to receive this honored award. These varieties are worthy of consideration for planting in Nebraska.

Disease resistant or tolerant varieties should be grown when possible. Information on variety resistance and tolerance is included when available. The key below indicates the abbreviation used for diseases common in Nebraska gardens. Resistant or tolerant varieties are indicated by letter(s) in parentheses after the variety name.

RESISTANCE, TOLERANCE KEY

A	Anthraco	NY-15	Bean Common Mosaic Virus (NY-15 Strain)
ALS	Angular Leaf Spot	PM	Powdery Mildew
BR	Black Rot Tolerant	R	Rust
DM	Downy Mildew	S	Scab
F	Fusarium	SW	Stewarts Wilt
LB	Late Blight	V	Verticillium
M	Mosaic	Y	Yellows
N	Nematodes		

Vegetables that are suitable for container growth are indicated with (CG)

SELECTED VEGETABLE VARIETIES FOR NEBRASKA-1979 – 1980

ASPARAGUS

Mary Washington (F,R) - large, thick, heavy dark green stalks.
Waltham Washington (R) - uniform, thick, dark green to purple stalks; freezes well.

BEANS - Bush Green Pod

Bush Blue Lake types (most M, NY-15) - heavy yielder; cans and freezes well. (CG)
Roma - Italian type - broad, flattened pods; cans and freezes well. (CG)
Contender (M, PM) - yields heavily; long, dark green, stringless pods.
Provider (PM, M) - early; straight, round, medium sized pod.
Tendercrop (M, NY-15) - round, smooth, stringless pods; freezes well. (CG)
Improved Tendergreen (M) - smooth, round, stringless, dark green pods; freezes well.
Top Crop (M) - round, straight, medium green pods; compact growth; cans and freezes well. (CG)

BEANS - Bush Wax Pod

*Gold Crop (M) - small compact growth; straight stringless pods; cans and freezes well.
Kinghorn Wax - round, yellow, smooth pods; cans and freezes well.
Pencil Pod Wax - round, slightly curved pods; withstands adverse weather conditions well.
Resistant Cherokee Wax (M, NY-15) - bright yellow straight pods, vigorous growth; yields heavily.

BEANS - Pole Green Pod

Blue Lake (various strains) - all purpose bean; freezes well; good climber; high yielder.
Romano - broad, flat medium green, stringless pods; heavy yielder; freezes well.
Kentucky Wonder (R) - round, oval pod; yields heavily, dependable.

LIMA BEANS - Bush

Fordhook 242 - heat resistant; yields heavily. (CG)

LIMA BEANS - Pole

King of the Garden - old favorite; freezes well.

EDIBLE SOY BEANS

Frost Beater - early; heavy yielder; cans and freezes well.

BEETS

Detroit Dark Red - globe shaped, smooth, uniform root; cans and freezes well. (CG)
Early Wonder - uniform semi-globe shaped root, smooth skin; cans and pickles well. (CG)
*Ruby Queen - uniform, deep red, smooth, round root; cans and pickles well. (CG)

BROCCOLI

Cleopatra hybrid - early; vigorous; tolerates cold and drought.
*Green Comet - large heads; heat resistant; freezes well.



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- *Premium Crop Hybrid - early; single head; freezes well.
- Waltham 29 - fall crop only; strong, compact growth; matures evenly; freezes well.

BRUSSEL SPROUTS

Jade Cross Strains - vigorous, early, heavy yielding plant. (CG)

CABBAGE

Early

Golden Acre (Y) - round, light green, medium sized heads.

- *Hybrid Stonehead (Y) - extra early; round, solid heads.

Main Season

Gourmet (Y) - round, blue green heads; good for kraut.

King Cole Hybrid (Y) - round, firm, uniform heads; white interior.

Roundup (Y) - round rock hard heads; good for kraut.

Late

Sanibel - round, uniform, short cored, white interior; good for kraut.

Red

Red Acre (Y) - early; uniform, compact, hard heads; hold well without bursting.

Hybrid Red Head (Y) - uniform, solid, hard, slightly flattened, red heads.

- *Hybrid Ruby Ball - small, solid heads, very uniform; holds well.

Savoy

- *Savoy Ace (Y) - small round head; good flavor and quality.

- *Hybrid Savoy King - round, dark green heads; interesting flavor.

CANTALOUPE - see muskmelon

CARROTS

Chantenay Red Core - reddish orange, tapered, stump rooted; yields well in heavy soil.

Danvers 126 - yields well in heavy soils; cans and freezes well.

Danvers Half-long - uniform, very sweet; garden favorite.

Nantes Coreless - medium sized, little visible core.

Tendersweet - smooth, uniform root; yields heavily.

CAULIFLOWER

Early Super Snowball - extra early; wrapper leaves provide protection to keep heads white.

Snowball Self-Blanching - wrapper leaves cover head eliminating tying.

- *Snow Crown Hybrid - yields well under adverse conditions; smooth, well rounded, white heads.

- *Snow King - early; uniform in maturity; large, well rounded heads.

CHINESE CABBAGE

Burpee Hybrid - giant cylindrical heads; medium green outer leaves, white inner leaves.

Michihli - fall crop, keeps well; large heads with a spicy flavor.

COLLARDS

Georgia - non-heading; productive under adverse conditions; withstands light frost.

Vates - compact and uniform; widely adapted plant.

CORN

Very Early

Aztec - tolerant to cool soil and growing conditions; yellow ear, yields heavily.

Earlivee - extra early; medium sized ears.

Spring Gold (SW) - early hybrid; small ears.

Sundance - ear size large for early varieties; yields heavily.

Early

Butter and Sugar - bi-colored ears with a good holding capacity.

- *Early Extra Sweet - medium sized, golden ears.

- Honey and Cream - bi-colored ears; tight husks keep out earworms.

Midseason

Gold Cross Bantam A - slim ears; cans and freezes well.

Northrup King 199 - big, thick, heavy ears.

Merit - extra large, heavy ears; retains quality well.

Seneca Chief - slender ears; deep narrow kernels.

Late

- *Iochief - large ears; cans and freezes well.

Kandy Korn EH - large ears; retains quality well after harvesting.

Silver Queen (very susceptible to smut) - long ears; small white kernels.

Ornamental Corn

Calico Indian - decorative ears; strong stalks.

Rainbow - strictly decorative; large multicolored ears.

CUCUMBERS

Slicing

Bush Champion - short, compact vines; fruit long and straight. (CG)

Burpless Hybrid - disease resistant; vigorous long living vines; straight, dark green fruit.

Market More 76 (S,M,PM,DM) - uniform, dark green colored fruit.

Sweet Slice (S,M,A,PM,DM) - yields heavily; burpless fruit.

- *Victory (S,M,PM,DM) - yields heavily; widely adapted.

Pickling

- *Liberty Hybrid (S,M,PM,DM,A) - widely adapted; black-spined, dark green, warted fruit.

National Pickling - dark green, cylindrical fruit.

Patio Pik (PM,DM,S) - compact plant; multipurpose fruit; yields heavily. (CG)

- *Saladin Hybrid Pickler (M,PM,BM) - slender, semi-smooth skin; needs a pollinator plant to set fruit.

EGGPLANT

Black Beauty - large, smooth, purplish black fruit.

Dusky - early maturing; medium sized fruit; yields heavily. (CG)

Ichabod or Ichiban - long slender oriental eggplant; yields heavily. (CG)

ENDIVE

Batavian (Escarole) - upright broad, smooth, dark green outer leaves. (CG)

Salad King - heat tolerant; dark green, white-ribbed leaves.

KALE

Dwarf Blue Curled Vates - dark green color; retains color in cold weather. (CG)

KOHLRABI

Early Purple Vienna - purplish green leaves and stems; flat, globe shaped, white bulb. (CG)

Early White Vienna - early, uniform plant with short tops and few leaves. (CG)

- *Grand Duke Hybrid (BR) - uniform, tender bulbs; widely adaptable. (CG)

LEEK

Elephant - early, large, extra thick stalk; keeps well.

American Flag - hardy plant, very sweet flavor.

LETTUCE

Butterhead

Burpee Bibb - small loosely folded leaves; slow to bolt.

- *Buttercrunch - small, compact, heavy heads; slow to bolt. (CG)

Leaf

Black-Seeded Simpson - extra early; large well crumpled lime green leaves. (CG)

Oak Leaf - cut leaves; resists bolting and bitterness. (CG)

- *Ruby - bright green, frilled leaves, shaded with red. (CG)

- *Salad Bowl - large, medium-green; non-heading leaves; slow to bolt. (CG)

Cos or Romaine

Parris Island Cos (M) - tall, upright, light green leaves; yellow inner leaves. (CG)

Valmaine Cos (DM,M) - similar to Parris Island.

MUSKMELON or CANTALOUPE

Ambrosia Hybrid (PM,DM) - very round fruit; small seed cavity.

Burpee Hybrid - fruit are slightly oval; small seed cavity.

Crenshaw - long season; grow only in the S.E.; excellent flavor for the connoisseur.

Earlisweet (FW) - early, deep salmon colored flesh.

Hale's Best Jumbo - early, large fruit; salmon colored flesh; yields heavily.

Saticoy Hybrid (F,DM,PM) - oval, firm fruit; deep orange flesh.

Honeydew

Earlidew - extra early; medium sized, oval-round fruit; thick, mint green flesh.

MUSTARD

Southern Giant Curled - mild flavored, large bright green leaves. (CG)

Tendergreen - thick, very dark green, glossy leaves; slow to bolt. (CG)

OKRA

*Clemson Spineless - yields heavily; pods are best when picked young. (CG)

Red - red pods, turn green when cooked.

ONIONS

Bunching

Evergreen White Bunching - non-bulbing; long, slender white stem. Southport White Globe - standard bunching variety; mild flavor.

Globe

Ringmaster - very large bulb; developed for onion rings.

Ruby - red-skinned; stores well.

Yellow Sweet Spanish - large mild bulbs; does not store well.

Canadian Maple - round bulbs have heavy skin; stores well.

Southport Red Globe - strong flavor, very productive; stores well.

Spartan Banner (F) - yields heavily; extremely hard, long-storing onions.

PARSNIPS

All American - large, broad, smooth, white roots.

Improved Hollow Crown - smooth root, white flesh; stores well.

Harris Model - smooth, tapered, slim, snow white root.

PEAS

Freezonia - yields heavily; freezes well.

Green Arrow (F,DM) - double podded; slim small peas.

Little Marvel - yields heavily; large peas; freezes well. (CG)

Wando - tolerant to heat and cold; peas are medium sized; cans and freezes well.

Lincoln - medium sized peas; cans well.

EDIBLE POD PEAS

Dwarf Grey Sugar - 2-3' long; light green pods; vines need no staking. (CG)

Mammoth Melting Sugar - early; thick, wide pods; requires support.

*Sugar Snap - succulent pod eaten whole or shelled; long vine, requires support; new type of pea; freezes well.

PEPPERS - SWEET

Ace Hybrid - early; produces peppers at low temperatures.

*Bell Boy (M) - medium to thick walled variety; produces large early peppers. (CG)

California Wonder (M) - blocky form; thick, tender flesh for stuffing.

*Dutch Treat - sweet yellow fruit; deep red at maturity.

Golden Bell - early maturing; large, deep gold fruit.

Yolo Wonder (M) - big, blocky, thick walled fruit; widely adapted.

PEPPERS - HOT

Hungarian Yellow Wax - long-podded; cans and pickles well.

Jalapeno - small, sausage-shaped green pepper; very hot; pickles well.

Long Red Cayenne - very hot; cans and dries well.

Large Red Hot - fruit is round, red and hot; yields heavily.

POPCORN

Burpee's Peppy Hybrid - 2-3 ears/stalk; large, white kernels; good in short summer areas.

White Cloud - plump ears; narrow, deep kernels.

Strawberry Popcorn - small red ears; use for popping or ornament.

POTATOES

Irish Cobbler - early maturing, white skinned; general use; stores well.

Kennebec - late maturing, white skinned, general use; doesn't store well.

Mayfair - mid-season crop, high yielding, general use; stores well.

Norland - early maturing; general use; stores well.

Red Pontiac - late maturing; red-skinned; stores.

SWEET POTATO

Centennial - yields heavily; medium sized; stores well.

Jewel (F,N) - fairly early; good shape and yields; stores well.

PUMPKINS

Cinderella - big halloween pumpkins; bush vine.

Jack-O-Lantern - primarily for decorative use; use also for pies.

Lady Godiva (Streaker) - produces hull-less seed good for snacks; not of table quality.

*Spirit - semi-bush plant; medium sized fruit; stores well.

Spookie (BR) - small fruit; hard, bright orange skin.

RADISH

Champion - round, slender taproot with bright red skin. (CG)

*Cherry Belle - extra early; retains eating quality well. (CG)

White Icicle - white, thin taproot with mild flavor. (CG)

RHUBARB

Canada Red - small, red stalk; retains color when cooked.

Valentine - long stalks with deep red color throughout.

Victoria - broad, thick, green and red stalks; yields heavily.

RUTABAGAS

American Purple Top - large globe shaped root; stores well.

Macombre - round, white root.

SPINACH

America - broad savoyed leaves; tolerates sun and heat. (CG)

*Melody (D,M) - thick, dark green oval leaves; freezes well. (CG)

Winter Bloomsdale - dark green savoyed leaves; slow to bolt. (CG)

New Zealand - produces abundant leaves even during heat or drought. (CG)

SQUASH

Summer Green (bush type)

*Aristocrat Hybrid - dark green cylindrical fruit; yields heavily, widely adaptable. (CG)

Ambassador (DM) - very early and productive; dark green fruit. (CG)

Diplomat - plant stem slightly longer for easy harvest. (CG)

*Scallopi Hybrid - a cross between a dark green zucchini and scallop squash.

Seneca Gourmet - extra early; yields heavily.

Summer yellow (bush type)

Burpee Golden Zucchini - slender, cylindrical, golden colored fruit.

Early Golden Summer Crookneck - meaty fruits with small crooknecks; freezes well.

*Early Prolific Straightneck - cream yellow fruit; edible when very small.

Eldorado - texture and flavor of zucchini; gold in color.

*Gold Rush Hybrid - bright yellow, smooth skinned fruit; compact plants.

Gold Bar - light yellow, straight, uniform fruit.

Winter

Buttercup - dry, deep orange flesh; stores well.

*Early Butternut Hybrid - high yielding, semi-bush plant; fruit stores well.

Ponca - developed at the University of Nebraska; early medium size butternut type; cylindrical fruit; bakes well.

Royal Acorn - flesh is thick, dry and sweet; bakes well.

*Sweet Mama Hybrid - short vines yielding many 2-3 lb. drum shaped fruit.

Table Ace - early, bush acorn type; fruit has black skin.

Table King - bush acorn type; stores well. (CG)
Table Queen - semi-bush type acorn squash; stores well.
*Waltham Butternut - solid interior; yields heavily; stores well.

Novelty

Vegetable Spaghetti - medium, oblong fruit; harvest in late summer or fall; stores well.

Hubbard Types - vine type squash; very large fruit; stores well.
Luffa - edible when small and green; mature fruit used as scrubbers.

Swiss Chard

Burpee's Rhubarb Chard - crimson stalks with crumpled green leaves. (CG)

Fordhook Giant - dark green crumpled leaves with white stalks; yields heavily. (CG)

TOMATO

Early

Beefsteak Hybrid - VFN - large, roughly shaped beefsteak fruit.
Springset VF - extra early; medium sized fruit; yields heavily.
Ultra Girl VFN - firm red fruit that resists cracking; can be grown without staking.

Main Season

Better Boy VFN - large uniform fruit; sturdy, widely adapted, high yielding plants.

Big Set VFN - fruit set under both high and low temperature; crack resistant, smooth fruit.

*Floramerica VFN 1 & 2 - large, smooth fruit; suitable for canning or juice.

Heinz 1350 (VF) - crack resistant fruit; suitable for canning; yields heavily.

Jet Star (VF) - medium large, firm, crack resistant fruit; well adapted.

Rushmore VF - uniform, flat globe shaped red fruit; yields heavily.
Super Sioux - reliable producer of medium sized, smooth, round fruit; fruit will set under high temperature.

Supersonic (V,F) - large, fleshy, firm fruit; crack resistant; yields heavily and widely adaptable.

Paste Tomatoes

Roma VF - firm, medium sized, plum-shaped fruit; yields heavily.
Nova VF - early fruit; yields heavily.

Veeroma VF - fruit is crack resistant, use for ketchup or can whole; yields heavily.

Novelty

Burgess Stuffing Tomato - firm, bright red and hollow.
Yellow Pear Tomato - small fruit; use for pickling or preserves.

Yellow-Orange Varieties

Golden Boy - large, mild fruit set in clusters.

*Jubilee - tangerine orange flesh with yellow skin; mild flavor; crack resistant.

Sunray (F) - large, firm, yellow-orange fruit.

Salad Type

Small Fry VFN - small fruit, heavy yielder. (CG)

Pixie Hybrid - early ripening; can be grown in an 8" pot. (CG)

Presto Hybrid - early, half-dollar shaped fruit; yields heavily. (CG)

Sweet 100 Hybrid - very high yielder of 1" fruit. (CG)

TURNIPS

*Tokyo Cross Hybrid - produces early; harvest as needed.

Purple-top White Globe - round roots with white flesh. (CG)

Just Right Hybrid - smooth, white, flattened globe shaped root; foliage for greens. (CG)

Shogoin - grows quickly; for use as greens or root.

Seven Top - foliage type turnip for use as greens.

WATERMELONS

Small to Moderate Size Fruit Varieties

Golden Midget - extra early; fruit turns yellow when ripe.

Sugar Baby - round fruit with few seeds.

Sugar Bush - semi-bush plant; produces 2-4 fruit.

Yellow Baby Hybrid - fruit is yellow with small seeds.

Large Fruit Varieties

Charleston Gray (A,F) - fine eating quality; standard for roadside markets.

Crimson Sweet (A,F) - fruit is practically seedless; yields heavily.

Garrisonian (A) - large sized fruit with a hard rind and white seeds.

Top Yield (F,A) - oblong, medium sized fruit; bright red flesh with few small seeds.

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