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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-America 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.

Grow disease resistant or tolerant varieties 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. Seed sources are listed after each variety. The key to these sources is on the last page. All sources may not be listed.

### Resistance/Tolerance Key

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<th>Bean Common Mosaic Virus (NY-15 Strain)</th>
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### SELECTED VEGETABLE VARIETIES FOR NEBRASKA

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<td>ASPARAGUS</td>
<td>Mary Washington (R)</td>
<td>dark green stalks</td>
<td>2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,14</td>
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<td>Waltham Washington (R)</td>
<td>good freezer</td>
<td>5,6,12</td>
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<td>Brock’s (R)</td>
<td>long stalks</td>
<td>2,3,5,6,11</td>
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<td>BEANS-Bush Type</td>
<td>Bush Blue Lake types (most M, NY-15)</td>
<td>good canner, freezer</td>
<td>all</td>
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<td>*Early Contender (M,PM)</td>
<td>reddish purple seeds</td>
<td>4,5,6,8,10,11,13,14</td>
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<td>*Improved Tendergreen (M)</td>
<td>purplish, tan seeds</td>
<td>2,3,4,5,6,8,10,11,12,13</td>
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<td>*Greencrop Roma</td>
<td>dark green, good freezer</td>
<td>1,2,4,13</td>
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<td>Royalty Purple</td>
<td>broad, flat pods</td>
<td>2,5,6,7,10,12,14</td>
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<td>*Topcrop (M)</td>
<td>pods turn green when boiled, compact growth</td>
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<td>BEANS - Bush Wax Type</td>
<td>*Gold Crop (M)</td>
<td>straight stringless pods</td>
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<td>*Resistant Cherokee Wax (M, NY-15)</td>
<td>blackseeded pods, heavy yields</td>
<td>1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,13</td>
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<td>BEANS - Pole Type</td>
<td>Blue Lake</td>
<td>stringless pods, good freezer</td>
<td>2,4,6,8,10,11,13</td>
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<td>Kentucky Wonder (R)</td>
<td>brown or white seeds, may be stringed</td>
<td>2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14</td>
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<td>Romano</td>
<td>broad, flat stringless pods</td>
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<td>LIMA BEANS - Bush</td>
<td>Henderson</td>
<td>baby limas</td>
<td>2,4,5,8,10,11,14</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Fordhook 242</td>
<td>large white seeds, good freezer</td>
<td>2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14</td>
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<td>LIMA BEANS - Pole</td>
<td>King of the Garden</td>
<td>heavy producer; white-seeded pods</td>
<td>2,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14</td>
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### EDIBLE SOY BEANS
- Prize

### BEETS
- *Detroit Dark Red*
- *Ruby Queen*
  - Lutz “Winter Keeper”

### BROCCOLI
- *Green Comet Hybrid*
- *Premium Crop Hybrid*

### BRUSSELS SPROUTS
- *Jade Cross Strains*

### CABBAGE - Early
- Golden Acre (Y)
  - *Hybrid Stonehead (Y)*

### CABBAGE - Main Season
- Early Jersey Wakefield
- Marion Market Copenhagen

### CABBAGE - Red
- Red Acre (Y)
  - *Ruby Ball Hybrid*

### CARROTS
- Chantenay, Nantes, Danvers types

### CAULIFLOWER
- Early Super Snowball
  - *Snow Crown Hybrid*
  - *Snow King*

### CHINESE CABBAGE
- Burpee Hybrid
  - Michihili

### COLLARDS
- Georgia

### CORN - Early
- Aztec
  - *Early Extra Sweet*
  - Honey and Cream
  - Spring Gold (SW)
  - Sundance

### CORN - Midseason
- Northrup King 199
  - *Iochief*
  - Seneca Chief

### CORN - Late
- *Kandy Korn EH*
  - Silver Queen
  - Merit

### CORN - Ornamental
- Rainbow
  - Strawberry

### CUCUMBERS - Slicing
- Gemini (A, DM, PM, M, S)
  - Marketmore 76 (S, M, PM, DM)
  - *Sweet Success (M, S, S, M, PM, DM)*
  - *Victory (S, M, M, PM, DM)*

### CUCUMBERS - Pickling
- Liberty (S, M, ALS, PM, DM)
  - *Saladin (M, PM)*

### CUCUMBERS - Bush
- Patio Pick (PM, DM, S)

### EGGPLANT
- Black Beauty
  - Dusky
  - Ichiban

### ENDIVE
- Green Curled

### KALE
- Dwarf Blue Curled Vates

### KOHLRABI
- Early White Vienna
  - Grand Duke (BR)

### LEEK
- American Flag

### LETTUCE - Butterhead
- Summer Bibb
  - *Butter Crunch*

### LETTUCE - Leaf
- Black-seeded Simpson
  - Oak-leaf
  - Green Ice
  - Lil Sweetie
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<th><strong>LETTUCE - Head</strong></th>
<th><strong>Citation</strong></th>
<th><strong>light green; stays sweet in heat</strong></th>
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<td>MUSKMELON or CANTALOUPE (All are susceptible to Bacterial Wilt)</td>
<td>Ambrosia (PM,DM)</td>
<td>small seed cavity 2,14</td>
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<td>Burpee Hybrid</td>
<td>slightly oval fruit 2,13</td>
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<td>Saticoy (F,DM,PM)</td>
<td>deep orange flesh 6,7,10,11,12,13,14</td>
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<td>Goldstar</td>
<td>medium-sized fruit 7</td>
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<td>Superstar</td>
<td>orange flesh, vigorous vines 7</td>
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<td>Early dew</td>
<td>extra early honeydew; medium fruit 3,5,7,10,12,13,14</td>
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<th><strong>MUSTARD</strong></th>
<th><strong>Green Wave</strong></th>
<th><strong>curly leaves; slow to bolt</strong> 6,7,8,12,13</th>
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<td>Tendergreen</td>
<td>thick dark green leaves 2,3,4,7,10,11,14</td>
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<th><strong>OKRA</strong></th>
<th><strong>Clemson Spineless</strong></th>
<th><strong>4 to 5-foot tall plants</strong> 1,2,4,5,6,10,11,14</th>
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<td>Lee</td>
<td>plants 3 feet high 4,5,11</td>
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<td>Emerald</td>
<td>plants to 6 feet tall 2,4,5,7,12,14</td>
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<th><strong>ONION - Bunching</strong></th>
<th><strong>Evergreen White Bunching</strong></th>
<th><strong>non-bulbing</strong> 1,2,5,11,14</th>
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<td>Southport White Globe</td>
<td>mild flavor; standard variety 1,4,7,10,12,13</td>
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<th><strong>ONIONS - Globe</strong></th>
<th><strong>Yellow Sweet Spanish</strong></th>
<th><strong>large bulbs; not a good keeper</strong> 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,14</th>
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<td>Southport Red Globe</td>
<td>strong flavor; red bulbs store well 3,4,5,6,9,10,12,13</td>
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<td>Spartan Sleeper</td>
<td>large bulbs; store well 6,13</td>
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<td>Northern Oak</td>
<td>good storage onion 13</td>
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<th><strong>PARSNIPS</strong></th>
<th><strong>All-American</strong></th>
<th><strong>large smooth white roots</strong> 5,6,7,8</th>
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<td>Improved Hollow Crown</td>
<td>white flesh; stores well 2,3,10,13</td>
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<th><strong>PEAS - Garden</strong></th>
<th><strong>Knight (F,DM)</strong></th>
<th><strong>early, dark green peas</strong> 7,11</th>
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<td>Green Arrow (F,DM)</td>
<td>small, sweet peas 2,3,5,6,7,8,10,11,13,14</td>
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<td>Little Marvel</td>
<td>dwarf plants with large peas 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14</td>
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<td>Novella</td>
<td>semi-leafless; no staking needed 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,13,14</td>
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<td>Wando</td>
<td>heat resistant; medium peas 2,3,5,6,7,8,10,12,14</td>
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<th><strong>PEAS - Edible-Podded</strong></th>
<th><strong>Dwarf Grey Sugar</strong></th>
<th><strong>pick when young</strong> 3,6,10,11</th>
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<td><em>Sugar Snap</em>*</td>
<td>6-foot plants; pods sweet when mature 2,3,5,7,8,10,11,12,13,14</td>
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<td><em>Sugar Anne (Bon)</em>*</td>
<td>2 feet high; eat mature pods 2,3,5,6,7,8,10,11,13,14</td>
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<th><strong>Bellboy (M)</strong></th>
<th><strong>large early fruit</strong> 2,3,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14</th>
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<td><em>Gypsy</em>*</td>
<td>medium-long sweet yellow fruit 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14</td>
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<td>Yolo Wonder (M)</td>
<td>widely adapted; blocky fruit 1,4,6,9,10,11,13,14</td>
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<td>Golden Bell</td>
<td>early, deep gold fruit 2,7,8,11,12,13,14</td>
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<td>Marketmaster (M)</td>
<td>compact; vigorous plants 2,3,5,6,7,8,10,12,14</td>
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<th><strong>PEPPERS - Hot</strong></th>
<th><strong>Hungarian Yellow Wax</strong></th>
<th><strong>long fruit; good for canning</strong> 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14</th>
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<td>Jalapeno</td>
<td>small hot green fruit 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,13,14</td>
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<td>Long Red Cayenne</td>
<td>very hot, dries well 1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10,11,13,14</td>
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<td>Red Chili</td>
<td>small hot red fruit 4,5,9</td>
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<th><strong>POPCORN</strong></th>
<th><strong>White Cloud</strong></th>
<th><strong>plump ears; narrow kernels</strong> 6,7,8,10,11,12,13</th>
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<th><strong>POTATOES</strong></th>
<th><strong>Irish (white) Cobbler</strong></th>
<th><strong>early maturing; stores well 2,5,6</strong></th>
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<td>Kennebec</td>
<td>late maturing; poor keeper 2,3,5,6,8</td>
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<td>Mayfair</td>
<td>mid-season; good keeper 2,3,5,6,8</td>
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<td>Norland</td>
<td>red skinned; early; stores well 3,5,6,8,10</td>
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<td>Red Pontiac</td>
<td>late, red; stores well 2,3,5,6,11</td>
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<th><strong>SWEET POTATO</strong></th>
<th><strong>Centennial</strong></th>
<th><strong>medium tubers store well 2,5,8,11</strong></th>
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<td>Jewell (F,N)</td>
<td>early; stores well 5,11</td>
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<th><strong>PUMPKINS</strong></th>
<th><strong>Small Sugar Pie</strong></th>
<th><strong>7-inch ribbed fruit; good for pies 1,2,3,4,6,8,10,11,12,13</strong></th>
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<td>Big Max</td>
<td>fruit up to 100 pounds 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14</td>
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<td>Jack O’Lantern</td>
<td>decorative or pie use 1,2,4,6,8,9,11,12,13,14</td>
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<td>Triple Treat</td>
<td>edible seeds; good for pies 2</td>
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<td><em>Spirit</em>*</td>
<td>semi-bush; fruit stores well 2,5,8,9,10,11,13,14</td>
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<th><strong>RADISH</strong></th>
<th><strong>Champion</strong></th>
<th><strong>bright red, round</strong> 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,11,12,13</th>
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<td><em>Cherry Belle</em>*</td>
<td>extra early radish 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,13,14</td>
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<td>White Icicle</td>
<td>white, thin; mild flavor 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13</td>
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<th><strong>RHUBARB</strong></th>
<th><strong>Canada Red</strong></th>
<th><strong>small, red stalk 3,5,6,8,10</strong></th>
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<td>Valentine</td>
<td>long red stalks 2,6,8,12</td>
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<td>Victoria</td>
<td>broad red and green stalks 2,5,10</td>
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<th><strong>RUTABAGAS</strong></th>
<th><strong>American Purple Top</strong></th>
<th><strong>standard; stores well 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,14</strong></th>
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SPINACH
*America
Bloomsdale
*Melody (D,M)

broad savoyed leaves
similar to America
oval leaves; freezes well
2,6,8,12,13,14
2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,14
2,3,7,8,11,13,14

SQUASH - Summer Green
*Aristocrat
*Peter Pan

dark green fruit
scalloped light-green fruit
8,9,10,11,14
2,3,7,8,10,11,13,14

SQUASH - Summer Yellow
Early Prolific Straightneck
*Gold Rush

heavy yields; creamy yellow fruit
bright yellow fruit
1,2,4,5,6,9,10
2,6,8,10,11,12,13,14

SQUASH - Winter
Ponca
*Waltham Butternut
*Jersey Golden Acorn
Table Queen Acorn
*Sweet Mama
Baby Hubbard

UNL development; medium sized butternut
heavy yield; stores well
use immature or mature fruit
light yellow flesh; good baker
buttercup type; 2 to 3-lb. fruit
good keeper
7,12
2,3,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,14
1,2,3,5,6,7,8,10,12,13
2,3,8,9,10,11,13,14
3,13

SQUASH - Novelty
Vegetable Spaghetti
Lufta Gourd

low calorie 'pasta'; stores well
mature fruits make fibrous scrubbers
1,2,3,5,6,7,8,10,12,13,14
2,6,10

SWISS CHARD
Rhubarb
Lucullus

crimson stalks
crumpled green leaves
2,3,6,11,12,13,14
2,3,6,8,9,10,11

TOMATO - Early
Springset VF
Early Cascade VF

extra early medium-sized fruit
tall plants; medium fruit
7,9,10,11,12,13,14
3,5,6,10

TOMATO - Main Season
Better Boy VFN
Jet Star VF
President VFN
Super Sioux
Supersonic VF
*Celebrity VF FVTN

large, uniform fruit; high yields
medium fruit; crack resistant
medium large fruit
good set under high temperatures
good yields; widely adaptable
1,2,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,13,14
7
9
3,8
2,3,5,7,8,10,11,13,14

TOMATO - Paste
Nova VF
Veeroma VF

early medium fruit
1,2,3
crack resistant sauce type
13

good for pickling, preserves
fruit may keep 3 months
2,5,6,7,8,9,10

TOMATO - Novelty
Yellow Pear
Winter or Long-Keeper

large, yellow-orange fruit
small fruit; heavy yields
early fruit; heavy yields
1-inch fruit on large plants
2,3,5,7,8,9,10,11,13,14
1,2,3,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14

TOMATO - Yellow Orange
Sunray (F)

large, yellow-orange fruit
2,3,6,7,8,9,10,12,14

TOMATO - Salad
*Small Fry VFN
Presto
Sweet 100

small fruit; heavy yields
early fruit; heavy yields
large, yellow-orange fruit
2,3,6,7,8,9,12,13,14
7
2,3,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14

TURNIPS
*Tokyo Cross
Purple Top White Globe
Seven Top

eyear old producer
stores well
uses leaves as greens
2,3,5,11,13,14
2,3,5,11,13,14
5,11,14

WATERMELON - Small Fruited
Petite Sweet
*Yellow Baby

10 to 12-lb melons; pink flesh
yellow fruit with small seeds
1,2,3,6,8,9,10,11,13,14
2,7,9,11,13

WATERMELON - Large Fruited
Charleston Gray (A,F)
Crimson Sweet (A,F)
*Sweet Favorite (A,F)
Top Yield (A,F)

standard for roadside markets
heavy yields; almost seedless fruit
deep red flesh; small seeds
medium fruit; red flesh
1,2,4,5,6,10,13,14
2,3,8,9,11,14
12,14

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2. W. Atlee Burpee Co., 300 Park Avenue, Warminster, PA 18974
3. Farmer Seed and Nursery, 818 NW 4th St., Fairbault, MN 55021
4. Ferry-Morse Seed Co., P.O. Box 7274, Mt. View CA 94039
5. Henry Field Seed & Nursery Co., Shenandoah, IA 51602
6. Gurney Seed & Nursery Co., Yankton SD 57079
8. Earl May Seed & Nursery Co., Shenandoah, IA 51603
9. Northrup-King Co., 1500 Jackson St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413
10. L.L. Olds Seed Co., P.O. Box 7790, Madison, WI 53791
11. George Park Seed Co., Greenwood, SC 29647
12. Seedway, Inc., Hall, NY 14463
13. Stokes Seeds, Inc., P.O. Box 548, Buffalo, NY 14240
14. Otis Twilley Seed Co., Inc., P.O. Box 65, Trevose, PA 19047

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