STANDARD VARIETIES OF VEGETABLES FOR COLORADO

Since the growing seasons in Colorado vary between 82 and 186 days in length, the selection of varieties for your own particular conditions must be considered, as well as the purpose for which they are grown. Often varieties suitable for shipping are not always desirable for canning or early markets. Warm season crops such as cucumbers and cantaloupes will not do for altitudes of 7600 feet or above, and only the earliest varieties should be selected for that elevation of garden beans, sweet corn, onions, and other such crops. Early varieties of tomatoes will not always ripen at the high altitudes, and only the crops adapted to cool seasons do especially well such as pod peas, cabbage, cauliflower, spinach, root crops, and potatoes.

The varieties listed are those generally planted and found satisfactory for Colorado. The list does not include all those which may be grown for a particular condition or purpose. The majority are very good, and have shown up well in trials. Growers should not change from a standard variety to a new one, unless they are sure that it is better than the old one. Try out a new variety or strain on a small scale before replacing a standard variety that has proved satisfactory.

New varieties and strains of several major commercial vegetable crops are planted each year for observation on the stations at Fort Collins and Rocky Ford. These plantings do not include all new varieties but the majority of them. If you have found varieties for your particular condition that are satisfactory, be slow to change even though they may not be on this list.

In buying seed, buy early and from a seed company with a reliable reputation. Consult your county agent on seed sources, and on insect and disease troubles.

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VEGETABLE VARIETIES RECOMMENDED FOR COLORADO

Asparagus:
Mary Washington (Rust Resistant)

Beans:
Dwarf green podded varieties
  Stringless Black Valentine (early)
  New Stringless Greenpod or Tender Green (canning & marketing)
  Giant Stringless Greenpod
Dwarf wax podded varieties
  Pencil Pod Wax (canning) less liable to rust
  Round Pod Kidney Wax, (home garden)
Pole Beans
  Kentucky Wonder (late)
Bush Lima Beans
  Henderson's Bush Lima (dry or for canning)

Beets:
  Detroit Dark Red (canning or market)
  Crosby's Egyptian
  Early Wonder (early)

Broccoli:
  Calabrese or Green Sprouting

Brussels Sprouts:
  Half Dwarf

Cabbage:
  Early varieties
    Copenhagen Market
    Golden Acre - (very early)
    Resistant Detroit-Yellows
    resistant Golden Acre

*Resistant to Fusarium Wilt
Cabbages (continued)
Marion Market* - Yellows resistant Copenhagen
Midseason varieties
Enkhuizen Glory (kraut)
Globe* - Yellows resistant Enkhuizen
Late varieties
Danish Ballhead
Wisconsin Hollander* - Yellows resistant Danish Ballhead

Chinese Cabbage:
Chihli

Carrots:
Coreless Nantes, high quality (home garden)
Danvers Half Long (storage)
Red Cored Chantenay
Imperator (long bunching type)
Streamliner (long bunching type)

Cauliflower:
Early Snowball (home garden and shipping)
Super Snowball

Celery:
Self Blanching types
Golden Self Blanching (dwarf)
Golden Self Blanching (tall)
Pascal type
Giant Pascal (tall or dwarf type)

Sweet Corn: (Open Pollinated)
Early varieties
Golden Gem (yellow)**
Sunshine (yellow, canning)
Early Surprise (white)
Golden Early Market
Midseason varieties
Golden Bantam (yellow)
Late varieties
Stowell's Evergreen (white)
Country Gentleman (white)
Bantam Evergreen (yellow)
Hybrid varieties
Seneca hybrid (yellow) *early strain
Golden Cross Bantam - Midseason (Most widely adapted yellow hybrid for canning and marketing)

Cucumbers:
Chicago Pickling
National Pickling
Colorado - Shipping
Improved Early Fortune (earliest)
A & C (slicing)
Black Diamond or Stays Green - (early slicing)

Egg Plant:
Florida Hibush
New York Improved

Kohlrabi:
White Vienna

Lettuce:
Heading types
New York 847
New York No. 515 (Tipburn resistant)
New York No. 12 -(best for home garden)
Imperial 615 and 152
Leaf types
Grand Rapids
Black-seeded Simpson

Muskmelon and Cantaloupe:
Hales Best
Hales Best No. 45 (Resistant Powdery Mildew)
Hearts of Gold
Greeley Wonder
Burrells Gem (late)

Onions:
White Sweet Spanish
Sweet Spanish No. 6 - (late)
Yellow Sweet Spanish (sweet, stores well)
Mountain Danvers (strong, stores well)
Grano (for high altitude conditions when transplanted, only)
Ebenezer - (for growing sets)

Parsnip:
Hollow Crown

Peas: Commercial Canning
Alaska, (early - smooth seeded)
Surprise, (early - smooth seeded)
Pride, (midseason, wrinkled seed)
Perfection (midseason, wrinkled seed)

*Resistant to Fusarium Wilt
**Grown as high as 7600 feet
Peas: Commercial Canning (continued)

Early Home Garden Dwarf Types
American Wonder
Notts Excelsior
Little Marvel
Premium Gem
Laxton's Progress

Midseason shipping varieties
No. 40 or No. 95
Gilbo (early large podded)
Strategem
Dwarf Alderman

Late varieties (tall vined)
Alderman

Peppers:
Harris Early Giant (sweet, early)
California Wonder (good for stuffing) late
Ruby King (sweet, early)
Cayenne (hot)
Anahiem Chili (hot)

Potatoes:
Early
Bliss Triumph
Irish Cobbler
Red Warba (home garden only, earliest potato variety)

Late
Rural New Yorker No. 2
Peachblow (Mountain Districts only)
Red McClure " " "
Russet Rural
Russet Burbank (Mountain Districts only)
Katahdin

Pumpkin: (Winter)
Small Sugar (pie)-Cucurbita pepo
Large Cheese (canning) - Cucurbita Moschata
Connecticut Field (stock)
Cucurbita pepo

Rutabaga:
American Purple Top

Radishes:
Early Scarlet Globe, (short or med. top)
Scarlet Turnip (white tip)
White Icicle
Crimson Giant
Comet

Spinach:
Bloomsdale Savoy (crinkly variety; canning)
Giant Nobel (canning; smooth variety)
King of Denmark (slightly crinkled; canning)
New Zealand (hot, dry weather; home use only)
Juliana

Squash:
Summer - Cucurbita pepo
Early Prolific Straightneck
White Bush Scallop
Cocozelli
Zucchini Black

Winter
Hubbard - Cucurbita Maxima
Delicious - " "
Table Queen - (withstands considerable squashbug injury) - Cucurbita pepo

Swiss Chard:
Lucullus

Tomatoes:
Early varieties - Bison - (for dry land gardens only)
Chalk's Early Jewel (red, canning)
Earliana (first early for home gardens)
June Pink (pink, market)
Cardinal (canning)

Second Early varieties
Marglobe (canning and shipping; wilt resistant)
Globe (pink, market)

Late
Early Baltimore (canning)

Turnips:
Purple Top White Globe
Purple Top Strap Leaved
Early Milan

Watermelon:
Kleckley Sweet
Tom Watson - (shipping)
Klonidike - green or striped
Early Kansas (for trial)
Dixie Queen
Kleckley No. 6 - Wilt Resistant