



# Drought-Resistant Crops and Varieties

Some crops and varieties require less water than others once they are established. The vegetables, grains and herbs on the following list were selected from seed catalogs and seed catalog websites that specifically mention the terms *õdrought-resistantõ* or *õdrought-tolerantõ* in the variety description. The list is not exhaustive, but represents an opportunity for the home food gardener to consider new (or new to you) and/or unusual crops or varieties that allow you to be water-wise. For additional possibilities, consult seed companies or nurseries that specialize in plants suitable for desert or dry climate areas.

## BEANS

### BUSH BEANS

White Half Runner Snap

### BUTTER BEANS

Jackson Wonder Bush

### GARBANZO BEANS

Ceci

### LIMA BEANS

Alabama Black-Eyed Butter

Carolina Sieva

Christmas

Fordhook 242 Bush

Henderson Bush

Jackson Wonder

Pima Orange

Willow Le

### POLE BEANS

Blue Coco

Garden of Eden Romano

Louisiana Purple Pod

McCaslan Snap

Rattlesnake

Selma Zesta

Selma Zebra

TEPARY BEANS - need warm nights

Big Fields White

Black

Blue Speckled

Brown Speckled

Cocopah Brown

Colonia Morelos Speckled

Mitla Black

Pinacate

Sacaton Brown

Tohono O'odham White

## BROCCOLI

Waltham 29 - when fall planted

**CHARD** - Almost all varieties listed in desert or dry climate catalogs

## CORN

Anasazi Sweet

Daymon Morgan's Kentucky

Butcher

Hopi Blue Flour

Hopi Pink

Painted Mountain Flour

Pinky Popcorn

Silver Queen Hybrid Sweet

Tennessee Red Cob

**COWPEAS** - need warm nights

Pink-Eye Purple-Hull

## CUCUMBER

Armenian

Lemon

## EGGPLANT

Listada de Gandia

## GRAINS

### AMARANTH

Mayo

Red Stripe Leaf

Tampala

### BARLEY

Ethiopian Hulless

Jet

Milan

QUINOA - all varieties

## WHEAT

Hard Red Spring

Kamut

Vaughan Turkey

White Sonoran

## HERBS

Basil - Mrs. Burns' Lemon

Borage

Catnip

Chamomile, German

Chives

Hyssop

Lavender

Lemon Balm

Mullein

Oregano

Rosemary

Sage - once it's established

Sweet Marjoram

Thyme

## MELON

Iroquois

Navajo Yellow

**MUSTARD** - uses less water than many other cultivated vegetables

Southern Giant Curled

## OKRA - needs warm nights

Gold Coast

Hill Country Heirloom Red

Jing Orange

## PEPPER

Jupiter Red Bell

Ordoño

**SQUASH**

Cocozelle Zucchini  
 Costata Romanesco  
 Cushaw Green-Striped  
 Dark Star Zucchini  
 Iran  
 Jumbo Pink Banana  
 Lebanese Light Green

**SUNFLOWER**

Skyscraper - edible seed

**TOMATO**

Caro Rich  
 Pearson  
 Pineapple  
 Stone  
 Yellow Pear Cherry

**WATERMELON**

Black Diamond

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Also, see "Food Gardening with Less Water," <http://ucanr.edu/sites/scmg/files/183770.pdf>

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## SEED SAVING ORGANIZATIONS AND SEED COMPANIES

The following list is comprised of local, regional (West Coast) and national seed companies. To food garden with less water, look for seed that is drought-tolerant, drought-resistant, or dry-farmed, and consult catalogs that specialize in seeds for desert or dry climate areas. Local seed companies may have seed that is well adapted to Sonoma County's Mediterranean climate.

Seed Savers Exchange	Decorah, Iowa	<a href="http://www.seedsavers.org">www.seedsavers.org</a>
Adaptive Seeds	Sweet Home, Oregon	<a href="http://www.adaptiveseeds.com">www.adaptiveseeds.com</a>
Artisan Seeds	Sunol, CA	<a href="http://store.growartisan.com/">http://store.growartisan.com/</a>
Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds	Missouri and Petaluma, CA	<a href="http://www.rareseeds.com/">www.rareseeds.com/</a>
Bountiful Gardens	Willits, CA	<a href="http://www.bountifulgardens.org/">www.bountifulgardens.org/</a>
Deep Harvest Farm	Whidbey Island, WA	<a href="https://deepharvestfarm.com/">https://deepharvestfarm.com/</a>
Diaspora Seeds	Booneville, CA	<a href="http://www.diasporaseeds.com">www.diasporaseeds.com</a>
Fedco Seeds	Waterville, Maine	<a href="http://www.fedcoseeds.com">www.fedcoseeds.com</a>
Fertile Valley Seeds/Carol Deppe	Corvallis, Oregon	<a href="http://www.caroldeppe.com">www.caroldeppe.com</a>
High Mowing Seeds	Wolcott, Vermont	<a href="http://www.highmowingseeds.com">www.highmowingseeds.com</a>
Hudson Valley Seed Library	Accord, New York	<a href="http://www.seedlibrary.org/">www.seedlibrary.org/</a>
Johnny's Selected Seeds	Winslow, Maine	<a href="http://www.johnnyseeds.com">www.johnnyseeds.com</a>
Kitazawa Seed Company	Oakland, CA	<a href="http://www.kitazawaseed.com/">www.kitazawaseed.com/</a>
Living Seed Company	Point Reyes Station, CA	<a href="http://www.livingseedcompany.com">www.livingseedcompany.com</a>
Native Seeds/SEARCH	Tucson, Arizona	<a href="http://www.native-seeds.org/">www.native-seeds.org/</a>
Natural Gardening Company	Petaluma, CA	<a href="http://www.naturalgardening.com">www.naturalgardening.com</a>
Nichols Garden Nursery	Albany, Oregon	<a href="http://www.nicholsgardennursery.com">www.nicholsgardennursery.com</a>
Peace Seeds/Alan Kapuler	Corvallis, Oregon	<a href="http://peaceseedslive.blogspot.com/">http://peaceseedslive.blogspot.com/</a>
Redwood City Seed Company	Redwood City, CA	<a href="http://www.ecoseeds.com/">www.ecoseeds.com/</a>
Redwood Seeds	Manton, CA	<a href="http://www.redwoodseeds.net/">www.redwoodseeds.net/</a>
Salt Spring Seed	Salt Spring Island, British Columbia	<a href="http://www.saltspringseeds.com/">www.saltspringseeds.com/</a>
Sand Hill Preservation Center	Calamus, Iowa	<a href="http://www.sandhillpreservation.com/">www.sandhillpreservation.com/</a>
Sierra Seeds	North San Juan, CA	<a href="http://sierraseeds.org/">http://sierraseeds.org/</a>
Siskiyou Seeds	Williams, Oregon	<a href="http://www.siskiyouseeds.com/">www.siskiyouseeds.com/</a>
Southern Exposure Seed Exchange	Mineral, Virginia	<a href="http://www.southernexposure.com">www.southernexposure.com</a>
Stellar Seeds	Kaslo, British Columbia, Canada	<a href="http://stellarseeds.com/">http://stellarseeds.com/</a>
Sustainable Seed Company	Chico, CA	<a href="http://sustainableseedco.com/">http://sustainableseedco.com/</a>
Territorial Seeds	Cottage Grove, Oregon	<a href="http://www.territorialseed.com">www.territorialseed.com</a>
Turtle Tree	Copake, New York	<a href="http://www.turtletreeseed.org/">www.turtletreeseed.org/</a>
Uprising Seeds	Bellingham, Washington	<a href="http://uprisingorganics.com">http://uprisingorganics.com</a>
Victory Seeds	Molalla, Oregon	<a href="http://www.victoryseeds.com/">www.victoryseeds.com/</a>
Wild Boar Farms	Napa Valley, CA	<a href="http://www.wildboarfarms.com/">www.wildboarfarms.com/</a>
Wild Garden Seed	Philomath, Oregon	<a href="http://www.wildgardenseed.com/">www.wildgardenseed.com/</a>

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