



September 2015 Vegetable Trial Results & Recommendations Lake Merritt Trial Garden Oakland, California

Tomatoes

Cherry Tomatoes

- ✓ **Sungold:** medium, orange cherry, great flavor, excellent yield, disease resistant
- ✓ **Sweet 100 or Sweet Million:** small, red cherry, good flavor, good yield, disease resistant

Standard Tomatoes

- ✓ **Summer Girl:** medium to large size, red, good flavor & yield, disease resistant
- ✓ **New Girl:** medium, red, decent flavor & yield, disease resistant
- ✓ **Stupice:** small, red, sweet flavor, excellent yield, disease resistant

Container Tomatoes

- ✓ **Lazarro:** cherry tomato, red, good flavor, disease resistant

Tomatoes were started from seed in early March and transplanted to the Trial Garden in mid-April. Generally, cherry tomatoes and short-season varieties that don't require a lot of heat perform best in our area.

Summer Squash

- ✓ **Trombetta:** excellent flavor, huge yield, disease resistant

Trombetta squash (also called Trombocino) is an Italian climbing variety. It produces firm-textured, light-green fruit and are best when to to 1 inch in diameter and about 12" long. They are slightly bulbous at their non-stem end. The squash remains firm upon cooking and has a delicate artichoke-like flavor.

Green Beans

- ✓ **Romano pole bean or bush bean:** excellent flavor, great yield

Romano beans, aka Italian string beans, are broad, flat-pod green beans and are best when picked young, although are still good if allowed to get large. Good yield, equal to and sometimes better than round-pod beans. Pole variety will need a trellis or other support on which to climb. Bush variety yields for shorter time.

Shelling Beans

- ✓ **Good Mother Stallard:** good flavor and pretty good yield for our climate

Peppers

- ✓ **Anaheim:** mild hot green or red pepper
- ✓ **Jalapeno:** mild to somewhat hot and good yield in our climate
- ✓ **Serrano:** hot, good yield

Small, hot peppers do best in our climate. Large sweet peppers, like bells, don't get very large or produce abundantly in our cool summer climate.

Cucumbers

- ✓ **Lemon cucumber:** excellent yield, pick young

Cucumbers do well overall in our climate. The popular lemon cucumber gives a large yield. Need to pick young for best flavor and crispness.

Spinach

- ✓ **Tyee F-1:** good flavor, great yield, disease resistant
- ✓ **Oriental Giant:** wonderful flavor, good yield, beautiful plant

Spinach is a great cool season / winter crop to grow. Plant in early October and harvest in mid-November through February.