



Other Veggies and Herbs

Descriptions for Eggplants, Artichokes, Beans, Cucumbers, Melons, Pumpkins, Summer Squash, Winter Squash, Zucchini, Leafy Greens, and Herbs.

Eggplants

Amadeo (65 Days). 65 Days / Dark purple / Fruit to 5" wide and 8" long. The heaviest-bearing eggplant is also the most delicious. Amadeo is renowned for its huge yields of succulent, nutty, bitterfree fruit on spineless plants. Easy to pick and irresistible on the tongue, this is the eggplant you need for the veggie patch. You will probably need to support it once it begins bearing the heavy 5-inch-wide, 8-inch-long dark purple to black eggplants.



Black Beauty 65 days / Dark Purple / Fruit 5" to 6". This is the very popular, classic Italian eggplant with deep purple, bell-shaped 5-6" fruits that are glossy when mature. The plants are compact and very productive so a stake for extra support is advised. **Photo courtesy of Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds/rareseeds.com*



Dancer 65 Days / Deep Pink / Fruit to 3-4" diameter and 7-8" long. This Master Gardener favorite bears semi-cylindrical deep pink fruits that are mid-sized - 7 to 8" long by 3 to 4" diameter, mild, and nonbitter. Plants are strong and high-yielding. **Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com*



<p>Nadia 67 days / Dark Purple / Fruit 3-4" wide and 7-8" long. Traditional black Italian type. 7-8" long by 3-4" diameter, the uniform dark purple fruits are glossy and blemish free. Tall, sturdy plants can set fruit under cool conditions. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Orient Charm 65 days / Pink and White / Fruit to 1½-2½" diameter and 8-10" long. Pink and white Asian type eggplant. 8-10" long by 1½-2½" diameter fruits of the Orient Express shape, but with attractive shades of fluorescent pink, pastel pink, and white. Strong plant with high yields.</p>	
<p>Orient Express 58 days / Dark Purple / Fruit to 1½-2½" diameter and 8-10" long. Dark purple Asian type eggplant. The fruits are attractive, slender, 8-10" long by 1½-2½" in diameter and glossy. The fruit is ready up to two weeks before other early varieties. The plant features an ability to set fruit in cool weather as well as under heat stress. Tender, delicately flavored and quick cooking.</p>	
<p>Traviata 70 days / Purple-Black / Fruit to 3-3½" diameter and 5½-6½" long. A traditional Italian type eggplant. Glossy black fruit in the classic bell shape, 5½-6½" long by 3-3½" diameter. Good flavor. Very uniform and high yielding, this one has excelled through less-than-ideal seasonal conditions.</p>	

Artichokes

<p>Green Globe 75 days / Green / Perennial to 5 years. The original improved artichoke, Green Globe flowers in early summer. The flower buds are deep green with a light purple tinge. A good harvest of 3-4 heads can be expected throughout the summer. They are 3-5 inches in diameter and have wonderfully thick, flavorful hearts. Proven to be the most hardy and remain productive for at least 5 years. <i>*Photo courtesy of Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds/rareseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Wonder 88 days / Green / Perennial to 4 years. Wonder is a high quality spineless hybrid with excellent flavor that really performs well. Has thick, dense 5" heads with good bright color. Very firm with a tender and delicious center. <i>*Photo courtesy of High Mowing Organic Seeds</i></p>	

Beans

<p>Bush, Jade 53 days / Green / Bush Type. A Master Gardener favorite! Long attractive pods. Jade's 6-7" long, slender, deep green pods are exceptionally tender and delicious. Large, upright plants keep beans clean and straight. Heat tolerant, high yielding and long producing even when stressed by heat or cold. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
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<p>Bush, Nickel Filet 54 days / Green / Bush Type. These mini beans were originally developed for upscale European markets and sold for top prices to fine restaurants. Beans are produced in abundance on sturdy compact plants and mature at just 3 to 4 inches long and ¼ inch in diameter. The tender pods need only brief cooking and little extra adornment.</p>	
<p>Bush, Provider 50-60 days / Green / Bush Type. This dependable early green bean is easy-to-grow with excellent flavor. Compact plant produces abundant 5-6" beans. Great for freezing and canning. Adaptable to diverse soil and climate conditions. Resistant to bean mosaic virus and powdery mildew. <i>*Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange</i></p>	
<p>Pole, Blue Lake 75 days / Green / Pole Type. This 7 foot tall variety produces flavorful 6-7" pods that are tender, meaty and very flavorful. A canning and freezing favorite. High yielding.</p>	
<p>Pole, Emerit 60 days / Green / Pole Type. A long, elegant filet pole bean from one of the oldest French breeders. The pods of these classic "haricot verts" beans are slim, growing to 7 to 9 inches long. Emerite's flavor is sweet and delicate, and pods have a crispy snap that makes them especially delicious when just briefly steamed or quickly stir-fried. Tall, vigorous and productive vines with high yields are sure to please the gourmet gardener and cook. <i>*Photo courtesy of reneesgarden.com</i></p>	
<p>Pole, Rattlesnake 75-80 days / Green & Purple / Pole Type. Dark green pods with distinctive purple streaks grow up to 8". Dried seeds are light buff with splashes of dark brown, resembling a rattlesnake. Vigorous vines up to 10 ft. These are very tasty when young & tender, but can be canned, frozen or left on the vine to dry.</p>	
<p>Pole, Yard Long Noodle King 65-75 days / Green / Pole Type This tendercrisp, flavorful variety is easy to grow and yields earlier than other Yard Long varieties, with more weather flexibility, allowing gardeners all over the country to grow them successfully. Slender green pods can easily reach 12-18 inches! Ideal for quick cooking: sauté, stir-fry or deep fry tempura-style. Their crisp, juicy texture and fine flavor makes these a real gourmet treat! <i>*Photo courtesy of reneesgarden.com</i></p>	

Cucumbers

<p>Diva (58 days). 58 days / Green / Harvest at 5" to 7" long. Diva produces distinctly tender, crisp, sweet and bitter free seedless cukes. Adapted for growing in fields, so no need for support. Especially flavorful when harvested small. Disease and mildew resistant. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds Johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Itachi 44 days - White / Fruit 9" to 11" long. Unique white color, great tasting and highly productive. Uniform 9-11" fruit. Trellising is recommended for straighter fruit. Great for stir-frying. Cucumbers are cold sensitive, mulch to provide warmth. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds Johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	

<p>Japanese Climbing 58-65 days / Green / Fruit to 9" long. This Japanese climbing variety bears tender, crisp, and slightly tart 9" long cucumbers that are excellent for slicing or pickling. Listed by J.M. Thornton & Company in 1894, this variety's strong grasping tendrils make it ideal for growing on a trellis or fence, but it can also be grown on the ground. <i>*Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange</i></p>	
<p>Lemon 65 days / Yellow / Round Fruit, 1½-2½" diameter. Small, rounded, pale yellow cucumbers. Pick at 1½-2½" diameter. This versatile cucumber is sweet and flavorful, and doesn't have much of the chemical that makes other cucumbers bitter and hard to digest. Though it's often served raw, it's also a good pickling cucumber. Note: this one is very late to begin bearing. <i>*Photo courtesy of High Mowing Organic Seeds</i></p>	
<p>Marketmore 76 58 days / Dark Green / Harvest at 8" to 9" long. Long, slender, dark green cucumbers. The refined "Marketmore look" has long been the standard for slicing cucumbers. The 8–9" fruits stay uniformly dark green even under weather stress. Begins bearing late, but picks for a relatively long time. High resistance to scab; and intermediate resistance to cucumber mosaic virus and powdery mildew.</p>	
<p>Striped Armenian 65-70 / Dark & Light Green / Harvest at 8" to 18" long. Valued for its flavor and attractive fruits, this cucumber is also known as snake melon. It is a heavy producer of light and dark green striped fruit that have a curved shape. An excellent slicer, the flesh is mild, sweet and crunchy. This variety requires a long and warm growing season. <i>*Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange</i></p>	
<p>Suyo Long 61 days / Green / Fruit up to 15" long. Traditional long-fruited variety from China. Produces sweet-flavored, bitter free, ribbed fruit growing up to 15" long. Widely adapted, grows well in hot weather, and sets early. Try using this unusual-looking cucumber in salads, for bread-and-butter, or mixed vegetable pickles.</p>	
<p>Unagi (55 days). 55 days / Green / Harvest at 9" to 11" long. A glossy, spineless cucumber with tiny seed cavities, crisp texture and excellent flavor, truly a cucumber you can't live without! High yielding! Best harvested at 9-11 inches long but stays crisp and delicious up to 14 inches long. High resistance to cucumber mosaic virus, powdery mildew and target spot.</p>	

Melons

<p>Divergent 75 days / Orange / Fruit 3½ to 4 pounds. These 3½ to 4 lb. heavily netted fruits are exceptionally sweet and aromatic. Cut from the vine when the skin is mostly yellow but still shows a 30–40% green hue. Good disease resistance. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Hannah's Choice 75 days / Orange / Fruit 3-5 pounds. Aromatic, very sweet, and full of flavor. The beautiful, ribbed fruits average 3 to 5 lb. and are borne on healthy, productive plants. Harvest at full-slip (when a gentle tug removes the fruit from the vine). Bred at Cornell University. Good disease resistance. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	

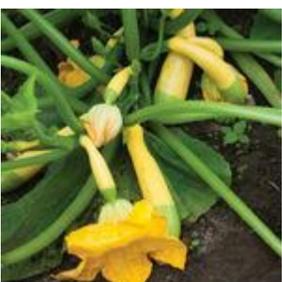
<p>Honey Orange 75 days / Orange / Fruit 3 pounds. Unique orange-fleshed honeydew. Thick, crisp, and honey-sweet, it is delicious to the rind. Medium-size, oval-round melons avg. 3 lb. and have smooth, ivory skin. Early maturity. Tolerant of cool conditions. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Watermelon - Mini Love 70 days / Red / Fruit 5-7 pounds. This watermelon is personal-sized, early, and delicious. Sweet and firm, oval-round fruits average 5-7 lb. Distinctive, bright green rind with dark green stripes and dense, bright red flesh. Very productive. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	

Pumpkins

<p>Cider Jack 90 days / Orange / Fruit 10-14 pounds. This is a gorgeous Jack O' Lantern! Plants bear 2-3 medium sized (10-14 lb.) fruits per plant with smooth, bright skin - perfect for painting or carving. Medium resistance to powdery mildew. <i>*Photo courtesy of High Mowing Organic Seeds</i></p>	
<p>Cinderella 110 days / Deep Orange-Red / Fruit 15-20 pounds. Yes, it's true - Cinderella's coach is a pumpkin with its pronounced lobes and flattened top! Tasty, orange flesh is superb for pies and savory dishes. 10 foot vines with up to 6 fruits on the vine that can measure as large as 15 inches across. What fun for the kids! <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Musque de Provence 125 days / Deep Orange / Fruit 8-15 pounds. Ribbed, flat, tan fruits are bigger than Long Island Cheese, averaging 8-15 lb. Thick, deep orange, moderately sweet flesh. In France cut wedges are sold in supermarkets and farmers' markets for cooking. Decorative. Late maturity. Long storage. Sometimes called Fairytale in the U.S. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>New England Pie 105 days / Deep Orange / Fruit 4-6 pounds. This is the classic New England pie pumpkin! The plant produces small dark-skinned pumpkins ranging 4-6 lbs. Not as sweet as squash, the well-colored orange flesh is relatively starchy, dry and stringless - just what you want for your pumpkin pie! <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	

Summer Squash

<p>Cue Ball 48 days / Pale Green / Fruit 2" to 3" diameter. Cue Ball's very productive plants produce attractive light-green, round fruits with subtle flecking. Its long stems and open habit make for easy harvesting. Pick at 2" to 3" diameter for best flavor. Good disease resistance. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
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<p>Golden Glory 53 days / Deep Yellow / Fruit 7" to 8" long. An attractive zucchini, this variety has waxy, gold skin with a creamy white interior. 7-8" in size, it provides an excellent yield of blemish-free fruits. Golden Glory is also resistant to watermelon and zucchini yellow mosaic viruses and powdery mildew. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Slik Pik 48 days / Yellow / Fruit 7" to 8" long. Slick Pik combines extra earliness with spineless plants for a better percentage of blemish-free fruits and an easier harvest. The very attractive fruits have good flavor, and are a bit longer than typical, yellow straight necks. Bred by Dr. Brent Loy at the University of New Hampshire. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Success PM Straight Neck 50 days / Yellow / Fruit 6" to 7" long. An excellent choice if you're looking for a yellow squash especially resistant to powdery mildew. It provides several months of abundant yield and has a uniform shape. Harvest at 6-7" in length. <i>*Photo courtesy of High Mowing Organic Seeds</i></p>	
<p>Trombetta di Albenga 58 days / Pale Green / Fruit 10" to 12" long. This wonderful Italian heirloom is a vigorous climbing vine, producing many 10 to 12 inch, lime-green fruits with a curvaceous trumpet shape and a delicate mild taste with a hint of nutty artichoke flavor. Trombetta's flesh is seedless and firm and doesn't get watery or mushy. The rambling plants will soon cover a trellis, fence or stakes with graceful fruits that hang like ornaments cloaked in a canopy of big, heart-shaped leaves. <i>*Photo courtesy of reneesgarden.com</i></p>	
<p>Zephyr 54 days / Yellow and Green / Fruit 4" to 6" long. A Master Gardener favorite! Distinctive, slender fruits are yellow with faint white stripes and light-green blossom ends. Harvest young at 4-6" for unusually delicious, nutty flavor and firm texture. Vigorous, high-yielding plants. Edible Flowers: Blossoms bear a mild, squash-like flavor and are great stuffed and fried, or sliced for use in soups, omelets, salads, and pasta dishes. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	

Winter Squash

<p>Butternut—Butter Baby 100 days / Orange flesh / Fruit 4-6 inches. This true mini is an adorable butternut with wonderful flavor and good color. Its short vines produce fruits 4" to 6" long and offer about two servings each. Ripe squash can be stored 3-4 months. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Butternut—Waltham 105 days / Orange flesh / Fruit to 4-5 pounds. This 1970 All-America Selections winner from Massachusetts is still the benchmark for large butternuts. Larger fruits with small seed cavities and thick, straight, cylindrical necks. The flesh has smooth texture and sweet flavor, particularly after 2 months of storage. <i>*Photo courtesy of trueleafmarket.com</i></p>	

<p>Delicata—Sweet Dumpling 110 days / Ivory & Dark Green / Fruit to ½ pound. Expect light-golden flesh and fine, sweet texture when baked. The 3-4" squat fruits weigh about half a pound – just right for an individual serving... and that makes them positively ideal for stuffing and baking. No need to peel this one - the skin is thin and nutritious! Sweet Dumpling squash are very productive and good keepers. Shaped like small, flat topped acorn squash, but with the distinct markings of a Delicata, Sweet Dumpling produces eight to ten little fruits per plant. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Kabocha—Sunshine 95 days / Deep Orange-Red / Fruit to 3-5 pounds. This AAS winner bears stunning, scarlet fruit. The tender flesh is smooth, sweet, and bright orange - ideal for baking, mashing, and pies. Deep scarlet fruits are slightly flat-round, averaging 3-5 lb. on vigorous, short vines. Sunshine's appearance and eating quality are superior to other varieties of this type. No need to peel this one - the skin is thin and nutritious! Can be consumed at maturity, or stored. Average 3-4 fruits per plant. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Spaghetti—Pinnacle 85 days / Yellow / Fruit to 3 pounds. High yielding, semi-bush variety with slightly sweet, nutty flavor. Average 3 pound fruits with a yield of 4-6 fruits per plant. Good companion plant for sunflowers. Bake like other winter squash, then flake out the noodle flesh into tasty spaghetti-like strands. To store fruits for later use, keep them cool and dry. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	

Zucchini

<p>Astia 48 days / Green / Harvest at 5". Astia is a bush zucchini variety developed especially for container growing and planting in small space gardens. Early bearing and productive, the abundant zucchini develop near the base of the plant where they are easy to harvest. These uniform glossy-green zucchini have excellent flavor! The non-rambling, compact squash vines are also highly ornamental with big silvery-green, deeply indented leaves. <i>*Photo courtesy of reneesgarden.com</i></p>	
<p>Black Beauty 45-60 days / Dark Green / Harvest at 6" to 8". A 1956 All American Selections winner, this heirloom summer squash grows on a compact, high-yielding bush (not a vine). Dark green fruit is best picked when 6-8" long. Easy to grow and great for freezing! Enjoy eating the blossoms as well.</p>	
<p>Dunja 47 days / Dark Green / Harvest at 6" to 8". Early and powdery mildew resistant. Dunja is a high yielder of excellent quality, dark-green, straight zucchinis. Open plants and short spines make for an easy harvest.</p>	
<p>Magda 48 days / Pale Green / Harvest at 3" to 4". Identified as having the best flavor of any Mid-East style squash. Magda's sweet, nutty flavor is comparable with Zephyr. The blocky, pale-green, tapered fruits are usually picked small, 3-4" long, for stuffing, stir-fries, and pickling. High yielding over a long season. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	

Romanesco 48 days / Striped Green / Harvest at 6" to 8". Bred in Italy for traditional flavor and style, Romanesco is prized for its creamy, sweet and nutty-tasting flesh. The tender, plump fruits are classically striped in dark green with slight ridges. Plants offer improved disease resistance and early harvests. Romanesco's edible blossoms hold well on fruits to stuff or sauté. **Photo courtesy of reneesgarden.com*



Leafy Greens

Arugula, Astro 38 days / Green. Astro has strap-shaped leaves, less deeply lobed than many, with a milder flavor. Heat tolerant and slow to bolt, it still prefers the cold soil of early spring and fall. Plant in fertile, moist, well-draining soil in full sun to part shade. **Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com*



Kale—Toscano, Black Magic 65 days / Dark Blue-Green. This is a selection of Toscano kale with long, narrow leaves for attractive and tall, straight bunches. Dark blue-green leaves on this beautiful Lacinato or "dinosaur" type kale. **Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com*



Lettuce, Brentwood 57 days / Green to Red. Brentwood's contrasting colors of deep cherry-red to green add visual appeal to salad mixes. Excellent flavor and redleaf-like texture. Good disease resistance. **Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com*



Lettuce, Bronze Guard Oakleaf 70 days / Green to Bronze. An oakleaf type lettuce with beautiful bronze/green leaves. Great flavor and color adds to any table as a salad or a garnish. This variety does well in most climate areas. **Photo courtesy of trueleafmarket.com*



Lettuce, Red Oakleaf 28-50 days / Green to Red. This lettuce has oak leaf shaped leaves that are medium green with red and green veining. Full sun brings out a deep burgundy as the leaves mature. Some heat resistance with good regrowth for multiple cuttings. **Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com*



Swiss Chard, Bright Lights 52 days / Green leaves, multicolor stems. Leaf stalks up to 20" tall; colored yellow, gold, orange, pink, crimson or purple. Lighter, milder flavor compared to other chards. Somewhat less frost hardy than other chards, but will overwinter in mild climates. As leaves are harvested, plant will continue to produce new leaves. Plant 4" apart. Also good for containers. **Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com*



Herbs

<p>Basil, Genovese 68 days / Green / Leaves up to 3" long. Classic Italian variety. Authentic flavor and appearance. Tall and relatively slow to bolt with large, dark green leaves about 3" long. Height 24-30". This common strain of Genovese basil can present some variability in leaf shape and plant size. Perfect for garden production. Edible flowers: use the flowers in any recipe that calls for basil or to garnish drinks, salads, soups, pasta and desserts. Flavor is of intense basil.</p>	
<p>Basil, Large Leaf 'Prospera' 68 days / Green / Leaves up to 3" long. This fast-growing, classic Genovese basil features 3" long glossy, dark green cupped leaves with a delectable basil scent. Proven Fusarium resistance — and the added benefit of strong resistance to downy mildew, make this one a real winner! Uniform plants have long stems. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	
<p>Cilantro, Santo 50-55 days for leaf harvest, 90-105 days for seed harvest / Green. Santo is a slow bolting selection, grown for its leaves but the seeds and flowers are also edible. When eating the flowers, use them raw as the flavor fades quickly if they are cooked. If allowed to flower, the plant attracts beneficial insects. <i>*Photo courtesy of Park Seed</i></p>	
<p>Parsley, Giant of Italy 75 days / Green / Flat-leaf Type. Great to cook with! Giant of Italy has large, dark green leaves with great flavor. 18-20" stems are strong and upright. Very high yielding. <i>*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds johnnyseeds.com</i></p>	