

# INYO-MONO MASTER GARDENER FAVORITE VEGETABLE VARIETIES 2010

Note: The home gardener must be careful to read the back of seed packets to determine the resistance of the plant to pests. The gardener must be careful in planting in garden areas that have had a history of particular pest problems.

## BEANS

Contender	Early, prolific, good flavor and texture.
Blue Lake	Heat tolerant, prolific, tender, freezes well, good raw
Kentucky Wonder	Heat tolerant, classic bean flavor.
Filet types, eg. Vernandon	Tender, delicious, not available at markets
Romano	Unusual flavor, meaty texture, not available at markets

## BEETS

Chiogga	Delicious and pretty
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## CARROTS

Danvers 126	Does well here
Nantes	Sweet, juicy, tender

## CORN

Sugar Pearl	Holds flavor after picking, very sweet, easy to grow
Silver Queen	Late but worth the wait
Indian Popcorn	Fun to grow and decorate with

## CUCUMBERS

Armenian	Large, prolific, doesn't need peeling
Lemon	Unusual flavor, color and shape
Orient Express	Thin skin, good flavor
Straight Eight	Prolific and reliable

## EGGPLANTS

Ichiban	Heat-tolerant, grows well here
Black Beauty	Heat-tolerant, grows well here
Neon	Beautiful lavender color, good texture and flavor
Purple Rain	Large, beautiful purple fruit with white stripes, good texture and flavor

## GREENS

Chard, Rhubarb	Hardier than yellow chard, over-winters
Chard, bright lights	Fun colors, long season
Kale, Dinosaur	Hardy, beautiful and good for chickens
Spinach, Bloomsdale	Thick leaves, somewhat heat tolerant

## LETTUCES

Buttercrunch	Succulent texture
Romaine, Parris Island	Resists bolting
Four Seasons	Vigorous, beautiful and tender
Royal Oak Leaf	Delicious, beautiful lobed leaves, relatively bolt-resistant

## MELONS

Casaba	Delicious flavor
Crenshaw	Grows well, great flavor
Haogen	Small, sweet and aromatic, grows great
Crimson Sweet	Round, red watermelon, disease resistant, does well here

## PEAS

Oregon Sugar Pod II	Semi-mildew resistant, produces well in our short cool season
Super Sugar Snap	Sweet, productive, some mildew resistance

## PEPPERS

### Sweet:

Bell Boy Green, ripens red. Grows well, good for salads and grilling  
 Valencia Ripens orange, sweet, beautiful, sturdy fruit  
 Golden Giant II Very large, thick-walled and sweet, ripens golden yellow

### Hot:

Ancho San Luis Medium size, good flavor, better rellenos than Anaheim  
 Chileno Owens Valley locals' favorite, prolific, pretty, many uses, great pickled  
 Jalapeno Many uses: salsa, grilling, fill with cheese, productive plants  
 Serrano Attractive plants do well here, hot!

## RADISHES

Cherry Belle Round, red, sharp flavor, grows well here  
 French Breakfast Medium size, red and white, sharp, grows well here  
 White Icicle Hot and spicy flavor, grows well here

## SQUASH

### Summer:

Black Eel zucchini Prolific and easy to grow  
 Gold Rush zucchini Beautiful golden skin, firm texture, always does well  
 Bennings Green Tint Pattypan squash, mild flavor, easy to grow  
 Yellow crookneck Different flavor from zucchini, crunchy skin, easy to grow

### Winter:

Acorn Best through the fall, keeps well  
 Spaghetti Easy to grow, keeps all winter, try as a pasta substitute

TOMATOES	Best Flavor	Disease Resistance*	Especially Productive	Widely Available	Comments
<b>Full size tomatoes:</b>					
Better Boy	X	X	X	X	Good all-around tomato, recommended!
Brandywine	X				Heirloom famous for flavor
Celebrity	X	X	X	X	A reliable producer of high quality fruit
Champion	X	X	X		Smooth, large, good slicer
Early Girl		X	X	X	Early, vigorous, productive
Jet Setter	X	X			Early, big, delicious
Mortgage Lifter	X				Large, meaty, pink heirloom
Paul Robeson	X				Fairly early, medium size black tomato
Pearson Improved	X				Large heirloom well-adapted to our climate
Sasha's Altai	X				Siberian tomato, early, great flavor
Supersteak	X	X		X	Improved beefsteak, large smooth fruit
<b>Small-fruited tomatoes:</b>					
Galina	X		X		Yellow cherry from Siberia, early, sweet
Juliet			X	X	Large grape type, good fresh, cooked
Roma			X	X	Paste tomato, steady producer
Sun Cherry	X	X	X		Red cherry, early and very sweet
Sun Gold	X	X	X	X	Orange cherry; beautiful, delicious, early
Sun Sugar	X	X	X		Orange cherry, very sweet, tangy flavor
Super Sweet 100	X	X	X	X	Red cherry, great producer, good flavor
Yellow Jellybean		X	X		Yellow grape type. hugely productive

\*Resistance to disease varies. Many hybrids have good resistance; most heirlooms have little or none. Disease resistance is listed in seed catalogs, on seed packets, or on labels on nursery plants.