North Dakota Home Garden Variety Trials 2019
Join Us!

North Dakota State University (NDSU) is looking for gardeners to help evaluate vegetable, herb and flower varieties. We'll work together to discover which varieties grow best for us in North Dakota.

Who Can Participate?

Everyone! This includes all commercial growers and backyard gardeners. Everyone.

We have formed a team of over 1,000 families during the past few years, making this one of the largest agricultural research networks in America. We focus on working with gardeners in North Dakota but will work with gardeners in adjacent states/provinces living in nearby cities.

Is It Hard to Participate?

NDSU is not looking for complicated data. For each trial, we simply wish to know which of the two varieties germinated best, was most healthy, matured earlier, produced the highest yield, and produced the finest quality food/flower.

We wish to know which of the two varieties you prefer and which of the two varieties you recommend to other gardeners. See page 15 for an example of a completed evaluation form.

Selecting Trials

Each trial has two varieties and households must grow and evaluate both varieties.

Households may select up to seven trials to evaluate. All efforts will be made to give the gardeners their preferred trials, but seed supplies are limited. Gardeners will have the option to select alternate trials in case their first selections are not available.

Our Agreement

This project is a research program, not a seed store. Gardeners must agree to manage their seeds in a responsible manner and report their results to NDSU. For our part, we have made the trials simple and fun!

Gardeners will receive seed packets sufficient to plant a 10-foot row of each variety. Row labels and evaluation sheets will also be mailed.

We use 10 feet as our guide to get a fair look at a variety. Persons with small gardens or container gardens may participate but please allow for a fair look of each variety.

Ordering Information

Orders are now being accepted. See page 14 for the order form. Gardeners may select up to seven trials to evaluate.

Please pay $1.00 per seed trial. Each trial includes two varieties to compare.
**GMOs and Treated Seed**

No seeds in these trials are GMOs (genetically modified organisms). Such varieties are developed through procedures not possible in nature. GMOs are rarely found in gardening catalogs.

We prefer to offer untreated seeds for most crops. These seeds are safe to handle and grow well under most circumstances.

We have started using treated seed in response to gardeners struggling to establish stands of corn. Our sweet corn trials are treated with fungicide, and in some cases, insecticide. A few other trials have treated seed. In these cases, untreated seed was not readily available.

Any treated seed will be clearly marked with a warning on the seed packet.

**What Happens With the Results?**

Upon receiving the results of gardeners (typically soon after the first frost), NDSU will compile the results and inform gardeners of our findings.

The results will be used to develop recommendations for gardeners in North Dakota and distributed via University publications and broadcasts.

Results of previous trials are available at www.ag.ndsu.edu/homegardenvarietytrials/.

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**More Information**

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2019 Vegetable Trials

BEAN

1. Green Snap
   Bush Blue Lake 274
   56 days. The standard for quality. Pods are medium green and stringless. Dependable yields.
   Lewis
   53 days. Attractive, dark green pods on upright plants. Heavy yielding and easy to pick.

2. Green Filet
   Crockett
   60 days. Pods are slender and deep green. Yields are heavy and continuous. Very popular in ND.
   Serengeti
   55 days. Pods are medium green, slim, straight and tender. Sturdy plants support high yields.

3. Green Pole
   Kentucky Blue
   58 days. Award-winner known for its ‘Kentucky Wonder’ flavor and ‘Blue Lake’ sweetness.
   Monte Cristo
   71 days. Big yields of bright green, stringless, 10-inch pods. Vigorous vines produce from July to frost.

4. Purple Snap
   Amethyst
   56 days. Pods are lustrous, thin and straight. Very good flavor. Pods turn green when cooked.
   Purple Queen Improved
   55 days. Dark purple blooms with colorful red stems. Delicious pods turn green when cooked.

5. Yellow Snap
   Gold Rush
   54 days. Straight, flavorful pods stay in prime condition for a long time on the vine.
   Golden Rod
   55 days. Bright yellow pods with buttery flavor. Vines are vigorous and productive.

6. Vegetable Soybean
   Chiba Green
   82 days. Compact plants produce good yields in a concentrated set. Large pods with 3 beans each.
   Tohya
   55 days. Compact plants produce a concentrated set of pale green pods. Delicious, buttery flavor.
**BEET**

**7. Gold**
*Burpee’s Golden*
55 days. Golden orange roots. Sweet flavor and non-staining juice. Light-green leaves with gold ribs.

*Golden Detroit*
55 days. Bright golden roots have a pyramidal shape. Plants grow vigorously. Delicious greens.

**8. Red**
*Kestrel*
53 days. Smooth, globular, deep-red roots. Glossy green tops resist diseases and tolerate drought.

*Merlin*
55 days. Exceptional eating quality. Its dark red roots are round and smooth. Deep green, glossy leaves.

**9. Red Canning**
*Cylindra*
54 days. Straight and cylindrical, 5-inch-long roots can be cut into uniform slices.

*Forono*
55 days. Very uniform roots grow 5 inches long. Smooth and easy to prepare for pickling.

**CARROT**

**10T. Garden (Nantes)**
*Goldfinger*
69 days. Dark orange, Nantes roots with strong tops. Roots are uniform, straight and sweet.

*Ingot*
67 days. Known for its great taste, smooth texture and rich aroma. Rich in vitamins and easy to grow. ‘Ingot’ seeds are treated.

**11. Large**
*Baltimore*
65 days. Dark orange roots grow over 12 inches long and 2 inches wide. Great for stews and juicing.

*New Kuroda*
73 days. Roots are deep-orange, smooth and tapered. Very sweet and flavorful. Tolerates heat.

**12. Long (Imperator)**
*Imperator 58*
73 days. Long, 8-inch roots are deep orange, fine-grained and tapered. Excellent flavor.

*Sugarsnax 54*
68 days. Slim, 10-inch roots are bright orange and very sweet. Keeps its flavor after cooking.
**CORN**

**13T. Early Sweetness (syn)**
68 days. An early corn of premium quality. The sturdy stalks produce well-filled ears of plump kernels.

**Temptress (syn)**
70 days. Combines great quality with reliable performance. Strong seedling vigor.

**14T. Early Super Sweet Anthem XR (shA)**
73 days. Very tender and sweet. Straight rows of kernels fill ears. Proven performer in ND.

**Raquel (shA)**
72 days. High quality. Bright kernels and large ears. Ears maintain quality in the field. Very productive.

**Obsession (shA)**
79 days. Very tender, sweet and creamy kernels. Ears are long and filled to the tip.

Augmented super sweets (shA) are very sweet and best sown in warm soil. Isolate 300 feet apart from other types of sweet corn to prevent the formation of hard kernels.

**15T. Late Super Sweet American Dream (shA)**
77 days. Award winner. Sweet, tender kernels of amazing quality. Easy to grow. Sturdy stalks.

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**CUCUMBER**

**16. Burpless Summer Dance**
60 days. Straight, glossy cukes of exceptional quality. Productive vines tolerate heat and diseases.

**Summer Top**
60 days. Easy to grow. Heavy yields of 9-inch, dark green, high quality cucumbers. Vines resist diseases.

**17. Pickling Calypso**
52 days. Heavy and reliable yields of medium-dark green, slightly tapered fruits. Vines resist diseases.

**Homemade Pickles**
55 days. Vigorous, disease-resistant vines produce loads of crisp cucumbers ideally shaped for pickling.

**18T. Slicing Bristol**
54 days. High percentage of slim, straight, high quality fruits. Early yields. Vines resist diseases.

**Talladega**
60 days. Smooth, 8-inch fruits are dark green. Disease-resistant vines produce heavy yields.

25 seeds each. ‘Bristol’ seed is treated.
19. Green Butterhead

**Buttercrunch**
50 days. Very popular and reliable. Dark green outer leaves with creamy heart. Slow to bolt. A proven performer in ND.

**Milagro**
65 days. Big, heavy, uniform heads. Medium-green leaves. Heads resist diseases and hold well in the garden.

120 pelleted seeds each

20. Red Butterhead

**Cervanek**
53 days. Heads are attractive, firm and heavy. Leaves are tender and slightly blistered. Tolerates bolting and keeps its red color in the heat.

21. Green Leaf

**Deer Tongue**
50 days. Heirloom valued for its ruggedness. Compact plants with triangular leaves. Good texture and delightfully sharp flavor.

**Jebousek**
45 days. Deer-tongue type from Czechoslovakia. Compact plants with dark-green, triangular leaves. Great flavor.

400 seeds each

22. Red Leaf

**Beleah Rose**
52 days Ruby-red color goes deep into the heart of the leaf. Tender and wavy leaves. Shows moderate resistance to bolting.

**Merlot**
60 days. Adds intense, burgundy color to salads. Crisp texture and mild flavor. Grows slowly, tolerates heat and resists bolting.

400 seeds each

23. Red Lollo

**Dark Red Lollo Rossa**
53 days. Frilly green leaves with dark red edges. Adds color, volume and texture to salads. Harvest when young. Mild flavor.

**Revolution**
48 days. Frilly, densely packed, crunchy leaves adds loft to salads. Grows vigorously and can hold in the garden a long time.

400 seeds each

24. Green Baby Romaine

**Little Gem**
60 days. Heirloom prized for its sweet flavor and crunchy texture. Bright green leaves with creamy hearts. Harvest at 4–6 inches.

**Newham**
Modern variety with uniform, upright heads and great flavor. Dark green leaves with blanched hearts. Slow to bolt.

120 pelleted seeds each
25. Small Cantaloupe

**Minnesota Midget**
70 days. Heirloom. Compact vines produce 3.5-inch-wide melons. Golden flesh and unique flavor.

**Sugar Cube**
80 days. New hybrid noted for its personal-sized, 2-pound fruits. Very sweet, deep-orange, aromatic flesh. Vines resist diseases.

20 seeds each

26. Mid-Size Cantaloupe

**Athena**
75 days. Melons are 5–6 pounds with thick, orange flesh. Most popular cantaloupe in the north.

**Sarah’s Choice**
76 days. Widely known as one of the most flavorful cantaloupes. Oval, 3-pound fruits. Easy to grow. From New Hampshire.

20 seeds each

27. Large Cantaloupe

**Carousel**
80 days. Large, ribbed fruits grow 6–9 pounds. Small seed cavity and firm, thick flesh. Good yields.

**Solstice**
76 days. Thick, orange flesh is very sweet and flavorful. Fruits are deeply sutured and grow 6–9 pounds. Proven performer in ND.

20 seeds each

28. Green Honeydew

**Earli-Dew**
80 days. A reliable, early ripening honeydew. Lime-green flesh has excellent flavor and texture. Melon slips off vine when ripe.

**Honeycomb**
78 days. Early maturing, large-sized honeydew. Icy green, sweet flesh with outstanding flavor and aroma. Vines resist diseases.

20 seeds each

29. Orange Honeydew

**Honey Blonde**
71 days. Orange flesh is sweet and flavorful. Vigorous vines resist diseases and tolerate cool weather. Early ripening.

**Honey Orange**
74 days. Flesh is pale salmon orange, thick, crisp and delicious. Oval fruits with ivory rind. Matures early and tolerates cool conditions.

20 seeds each

30. Korean

**Sun Jewel**
68 days. Oblong fruits are lemon yellow with shallow white sutures. White, crisp flesh. High yields. Grows well in cool climates.

**Torpedo**
65 days. Crisp, sweet, white flesh. Very early and easy to grow. Vines are productive. Fruits slip off the vine when ripe.

20 seeds each
### MELON – WATERMELON

#### 31. Red Allsweet
**Sangria**
90 days. High quality. Deep red flesh is very sweet and refreshing. Melons grow 20 pounds.

**Stargazer**
90 days. Elongated fruits weigh 25 pounds. Filled with sweet, crisp flesh.

20 seeds each

#### 32. Red Early
**Shiny Boy**
75 days. Award winner. Refreshing, sweet, tropical flavor. Twenty-pound melons ripen early.

**Sweet Dakota Rose**
85 days. Sweet flesh with few seeds. Developed in ND. Melons grow 15 pounds. Reliable.

20 seeds each

#### 33. Yellow
**Petite Yellow**
75 days. One of the sweetest, earliest ripening melons. Melons are round and weigh 6 pounds.

**Yellow Doll**
70 days. Very early hybrid. Bright yellow flesh is crisp and very sweet. Round melons grow 8 pounds.

20 seeds each

### PEA

#### 34. Shell
**Lincoln**
65 days. Good for freezing. Pods are filled with 8–10 tender peas. Excellent flavor. Grows 28 inches.

**Maestro**
61 days. Early yields of dark green, sweet peas. Strong, disease-resistant vines grow 24 inches tall.

200 seeds each

#### 35. Short-Vine Snap
**Cascadia**
62 days. Crisp, sugary, stringless pods. The 32-inch vines produce good yields. Trellising is optional.

**Sugar Ann**
52 days. Very early and reliable. The 27-inch vines produce sweet, crisp pods. Trellising is optional.

200 seeds each

#### 36. Tall-Vine Snap
**PL141**
60 days. Huge, 4-inch pods are sweet and curved. Vigorous 3–4-foot vines require trellising.

**Super Sugar Snap**
66 days. Earlier and more resistant to diseases than ‘Sugar Snap’. Vines grow 4–6 feet and require trellising.

200 seeds each
**PUMPKIN**

- **37T. Early**
  - *Orange Sunrise*  
    90 days. Round, 15-pound pumpkins show orange color early in summer. Great for cool climates.

- **38. Large**
  - *Early King*  

- **39. Cooking**
  - *Cinderella’s Carriage*  
    100 days. New award winner. Thirty-pound fruits have sweet yellow flesh with nutty flavor.

**Racer Plus**  
85 days. Compact vines produce 12-pound fruits with deep ribs, strong handles and deep color.  
15 seeds each.  
*‘Orange Sunrise’ seeds are treated.*

**Kratos**  
100 days. Disease-resistant, semi-bush vines produce 20-pound pumpkins with strong handles.  
15 seeds each.

**Cinderella’s Carriage**  
105 days. French heirloom known as ‘Cinderella’. Scarlet fruits prized for making yummy pies and dishes.  
15 seeds each.

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**SPINACH**

- **40. Giant White**
  - *New Moon*  
    90 days. White inner flesh is a breakthrough. Great for painting and carving. Rind may turn ivory.

- **41. Smooth Leaf**
  - *Seaside*  
    43 days. Dark-green, thick, spade-shaped leaves. Plants grow upright and resist bolting.

- **51. Multicolor**
  - *Bright Lights*  
    60 days. Award winner. Vibrant stems in shades of red, yellow, orange, gold and white.

**Polar Bear**  
Its rind retains its white color after harvest, making it ideal for fall displays. Fruits exceed 50 pounds.  
10 seeds each.

**Space**  
45 days. Grows vigorously and is slow to bolt. Medium-green leaves. Upright habit keeps leaves clean.  
200 seeds each.

**Northern Lights**  
60 days. Shiny green leaves with very colorful stems. Stalks are broad, very tender and fleshy.  
150 seeds each.

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**OUT OF STOCK**
42. Semi-Crookneck

Gentry
43 days. Buttery yellow, smooth fruits. Productive vines have an open habit and few spines.

Gold Star
4 days. Vines resist diseases and produce good yields. Easy to pick from the open vines. Strong necks. 20 seeds each

43. Dark Zucchini

Desert
50 days. High yields of straight fruits. Open plants make harvesting easy. Vines resist powdery mildew.

Raven
48 days. Dark-green, smooth, glossy fruit. Vines have an open habit. Big yields. 20 seeds each

44. Green Zucchini

Cashflow
45 days. Open, vigorous plants produce heavy yields of 8-inch, high quality fruits.

Spineless Beauty
50 days. Longtime favorite. Uniform fruits form on spineless, productive vines. Easy to pick. 20 seeds each

Credits

This project is conducted for educational purposes only. No profits are made from this program.

The descriptions of varieties in this catalog were obtained from catalogs of numerous companies, including Fedco, Harris, Johnny's, Jordan, Jung, NE Seed, Osborne, Seed Savers Exchange, Territorial, Vermont Bean and Veseys. These descriptions are used for educational purposes only.

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45. Multicolor Acorn

*Carnival*

85 days. Fruits have flecks of green, gold and yellow. Each fruit is unique. High quality and stores well. Semi-bush plants.

*Celebration*

80 days. Light yellow fruits with orange ribs and attractive flecking. Golden flesh is smooth, nutty and sweet. Semi-bush vines.

15 seeds each

46. Tan Acorn

*Baked Potatoes*

105 days. Tan fruits weigh 1.0–1.5 pounds. Flesh is off-white in color, sweet and nutty. Good for soups, roasting and pie.

*Thelma Sanders*

A “sweet potato” heirloom squash from Missouri. Thick, orange-gold flesh has sweet, chestnut flavor. Good yields and stores well.

15 seeds each

47. Buttercup

*Autumn Cup*

95 days. First hybrid semi-bush buttercup. Dark green fruits have small buttons at the bottom. Sweet, fine-textured, deep-orange flesh.

*Bonbon*

95 days. Award winner. Semi-bush vines produce reliable yields of classic, cupped fruits. Superb flavor. Proven performer in ND.

15 seeds each

48. Baby Butternut

*Butter Baby*

100 days. Heavy yields of personal-sized, 0.5–1.5-pound fruits. Fruits have flavorful, dark-orange flesh. Stores well. Semi-bush plants.

*Butterscotch*

100 days. Award winner. Small, 1–2-pound fruits. Flesh is rich and high in sugars. Short, semi-bush plants resist mildew.

15 seeds each

49. Butternut

*Atlas*

110 days. Cylindrical fruits with a slight bulge; easy for peeling. Cream-colored fruits have dark-orange flesh and weigh 6 pounds.

*Early Butternut*

82 days. Award winner. Early maturing hybrid produces good yields of delicious fruits on compact vines.

15 seeds each

50. Orange Hubbard

*Lakota*

Beautiful orange fruits with green streaks. Fine-grained, sweet orange flesh and nutty taste. Grown in ND by the Lakota Tribe.

*Red Kuri*

92 days. Early ripening, scarlet squash from Japan. Thick, yellow flesh is smooth, very sweet and nutty. Good for pies and purees.

15 seeds each
2019 Herb and Flower Trials

**BASIL**

52. Compact  
*Dolce Fresca*  
70 days. Award winner. Bushy plants filled with sweet leaves.  
*Emma*  
70 days. Sturdy plants are easy to harvest. Mild, sweet flavor.  
200 seeds each

53. Large Leaf  
*Italian Large Leaf*  
78 days. Popular. Sweeter than classic ‘Genovese’ basil.  
*Newton*  
77 days. New. Classic flavor. Leaves up to 4 inches long.  
200 seeds each

54. Flat Leaf  
*Giant of Italy*  
75 days. Classic. Flavorful leaves on strong stems. High yields.  
*Peione*  
75 days. New. Large leaves on thick, upright stems. Sweet flavor.  
300 seeds each

**PARSLEY**

**COSMOS**

55. Rose  
*Rubenza*  
Cranberry blooms fade to an antique rose. The 42-inch plants bloom early and continuously.  
*Xsenia*  
New award winner. Its terracotta petals have glowing pink edges. Grows 24 inches.  
25 seeds each 250 seeds each 50 seeds each

56. Striped  
*Capriola*  
Bright white flowers with light red edges. Bushy, 27-inch plants are easy to grow. Great for bouquets.  
*Picotee*  
Pure white petals are edged in rosy red. Bushy plants grow 48 inches. A proven performer in ND.  
50 seeds each

57. White  
*Afternoon White*  
*Purity*  
Silky white flowers with bright yellow centers. Ferny bushes grow 36–60 inches.  
25 seeds each
**SUNFLOWER**

58. Orange

*Country Roads*

The plants are filled with orange flowers on strong branches. Good for cutting. Grows 48–72 inches.

*Gold Rush*


59. Red

*Chianti*


*Moulin Rouge*

72 days. Popular variety with deep burgundy petals and dark discs. Pollenless. Grows 70 inches.

60. Edible Seed

*Mongolian Giant*

Enormous, 18-inch-wide, yellow flowers grow on 14-foot stalks. Huge, 1.5-inch seeds are delicious.

*Titan*

Giant, 24-inch-wide blooms filled with large seeds. Single-head stems grow 13 feet.

61. Candystripe

*Peppermint Stick*

Cream, white and orange blooms covered with reddish streaks. No two are alike. Grows 24–36 inches.

*Pop Art*

Award winner. Gold and white flowers are covered with “drips” of red paint. Grows 24 inches.

62. Giant Dahlia

*Benary’s Giant*


*State Fair*

Jumbo, 5-inch flowers come in a wide range of bright colors. Robust plants grow 36 inches.

63. Mexican

*Jazzy Mix*

Earthy shades of burgundy, yellow and orange. Flowers are 1–2 inches wide. Grows 24 inches.

*Persian Carpet*

Bushy, 16-inch plants are covered with 2-inch double flowers. Tolerates heat, wind and drought.
Order Form

Households may participate in up to seven trials. Place an “X” next to the trials you want. Place a “Sub” next to a couple trials you would grow as substitutes in case your “X” choices are not available. “Sub1” may signify your first substitute and “Sub2” your second substitute. Online ordering is available.

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PLEDGE

I promise to manage my trials in a responsible manner. I will grow the seeds, evaluate the varieties and submit my results promptly.

Signature: __________________________

Name: ______________________________

Address: ____________________________

Email: ______________________________

Phone (optional): ____________________

PAYMENT

Seed trials ($1.00 each) __________

Subtotal ________

Shipping ________

Total ________

Checks should be addressed to “NDSU” and mailed to: NDSU Extension; Attn: Tom Kalb; 2718 Gateway Ave., Suite 304; Bismarck, ND 58503. You may order online at www.ag.ndsu.edu/homegardenvarietytrials.
### Example of Completed Evaluation Form

**2019 Trial #00**  
**Cantaloupe**

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<th>Which variety:</th>
<th>Apollo</th>
<th>Zeus</th>
<th>Same</th>
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<td>Germinated best?</td>
<td>☒</td>
<td>☐</td>
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<td>Both had near 100% germination, but Zeus seedlings showed more vigor</td>
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<td>Had healthier plants?</td>
<td>☒</td>
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<td>Apollo vines turned gray in fall</td>
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<td>Produced the first ripe melons?</td>
<td>☒</td>
<td>☐</td>
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<td>Three days earlier than Zeus</td>
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<td>Produced higher yields?</td>
<td>☒</td>
<td>☐</td>
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<td>Zeus produced 10 good melons; Apollo produced only 6</td>
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<td>Had more attractive melons?</td>
<td>☒</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>Zeus had larger fruits and brighter orange flesh</td>
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<td>Tasted better?</td>
<td>☒</td>
<td>☐</td>
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<td>Zeus was heavenly; Apollo was not quite as sweet</td>
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#### Overall Performance Rating

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<td>Rate each variety on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 = poor and 5 = good and 10 = excellent. <em>Don’t give both a “10”. Be very critical!</em></td>
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#### Preference

Circle the variety you prefer. *Don’t circle both—make a choice!*  
Apollo ☒  
Zeus ☐

Please state the reason(s) for your preference:  
**Zeus was outstanding. Good yields of large, sweet fruits. The vines looked healthy all summer. Apollo ripened early, but the vines were weak and the melons tasted bland.**

#### Recommendation

Circle the varieties you recommend for North Dakota gardeners:  
Apollo ☒  
Zeus ☐  
Both ☐  
Neither ☐

Please write any additional comments on back. They are very helpful!

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E-mail: tom.kalb@ndsu.edu. Thanks for your participation!