The finest cultivars will lead to the finest gardens. North Dakota State University and its team of over 200 gardeners evaluate promising cultivars every summer. The following cultivars have excelled in these and other trials in the Midwest:

**ASPARAGUS.** Jersey Giant, Jersey Knight, Jersey Supreme, Purple Passion.


**Soybean:** Envy, Tohya. Wax: Borsalino, Carson, Gold Rush, Rocdor.


**BROCCOLI.** Green Magic, Packman.


**EGGPLANT.** Black Beauty, Dusky, Fairy Tale, Millionaire, Orient Express.

**GREENS.** Hon Tsai Tai, Koji, Joi Choi, Komatsuna, Miz America, Mizuna, Mei Qing Choi, Osaka Purple, Red Giant, Tatsoi, Tendergreen, Tokyo Bekana, Vegetable Amaranth, Win-Win Choi.


**KOHLRABI.** Early White Vienna, Kolibri, Kossak, Winner.


OKRA. Candle Fire, Clemson Spineless.

ONION. Ailsa Craig, Candy, Copra, Sweet Sandwich, Walla Walla.


RADISH. Standard: Amethyst, Bacchus, Champion, Cherry Belle, Easter Egg II, French Breakfast, Pretty in Pink, Rover, Roxanne, White Icicle.

RUTABAGA. American Purple Top.

SPINACH. Avon, Bloomsdale Long Standing, Emperor, Escalade, Gazelle, Melody, Olympia, Red Kitten, Space, Tyee.


SWEE POTATO. Beauregard.

SWISS CHARD. Bright Lights, Flamingo, Lucullus, Oriole, Peppermint, Rhubarb.


TURNIP. Hakurei, Purple Top White Globe, Tokyo Cross.

WATERMELON. Seeded: Petite Yellow, Sangria, Stargazer, Sugar Baby, Sweet Dakota Rose, Yellow Doll. Seedless: Millionaire.

Seed Sources

The following is a sample of companies offering seeds. This list is provided for educational purposes only; no discrimination is intended and no endorsement is implied.

Baker Creek Seed, 2278 Baker Creek Rd., Mansfield, MO 65704; www.bakersseeds.com; 888.221.0866.

Burpee Seed, 300 Park Ave., Warminster, PA 18974; www.burpee.com; 800.888.1447.

Fedco Seeds, PO Box 520, Waterville, ME 04903; www.fedcoseeds.com; 207.426.9900.

Gurney's Seed and Nursery, PO Box 4178, Greendale, IN 47025; www.gurneys.com; 513.354.1492.

Harris Seeds, 355 Paul Rd, PO Box 24966, Rochester, NY 14624; www.harrisseeds.com; 800.544.7938.

Henry Fields, PO Box 397, Aurora, IN 47001; www.henryfields.com; 513.354.1494.

High Mowing Seeds, 76 Quarry Rd., Valcort, VT 05668; www.highmowingseeds.com; 800.866.4454.

Johnny's Selected Seeds, 955 Benton Ave., Winslow, ME 04901; www.johnnyseeds.com; 877.564.6697.

Jung Seed, 335 S. High St., Randolph, WI 53956; www.jungseed.com; 800.297.3123.

Osborne Seed, 2428 Old Hwy 99 S Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273; www.osborneseed.com; 360.424.7333.

Pinetree Garden Seeds, PO Box 300, Gloucester, ME 04260; www.superseeds.com; 207.926.3400.

Prairie Road Seed, 9824 79th St. SE, Fullerton, ND 58441; www.prairieroadorganic.com; 701.883.4416.

Seed Savers Exchange, 3094 N. Winn Rd., Decorah, IA 52101; www.seedsavers.org; 563.382.5990.

Stokes Seeds, PO Box 548 Buffalo, NY 14240; www.stokesseeds.com; 800.396.9238.

Territorial Seed, PO Box 158, Cottage Grove, OR 97424; www.territorialseed.com; 541.994.2510.