

# Vegetable Cultivars for North Dakota

## 2024

Selecting an outstanding cultivar can lead to a bountiful garden.

### Cultivar selection checklist:

- ✓ Early maturity
- ✓ Flavorful
- ✓ Resists diseases
- ✓ Productive
- ✓ Widely adapted (cool soil, dry weather)

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, Millennium, Purple Passion.

**BEAN.** *Bush:* Annihilator, Antigua, Bush Blue Lake 274, Crockett, Derby, Espada, Homerun, Inspiration, Jade, Lewis, Pike, Provider, Purple Queen Improved, Red Tail, Royal Burgundy, Serengeti, Strike. *Dry:* Arikara Yellow, Great Northern. *Lima:* Fordhook 242, Eastland. *Pole:* Fortex, Monte Gusto, Orient Wonder, Seychelles, Stringless Blue Lake S-7. *Soybean:* Envy, Tohya. *Wax:* Borsalino, Carson, Gold Rush.

**BEET.** *Red:* Bull's Blood, Cylindra, Detroit Dark Red, Eagle, Early Wonder Tall Top, Merlin, Red Ace, Red Cloud. *Gold:* Boldor, Burpee's Golden, Touchstone Gold.

**BROCCOLI.** Green Magic, Gypsy.

**CABBAGE.** *Chinese:* Blues. *Head:* Early Jersey Wakefield, Golden Acre, Ruby Perfection, Stonehead.

**CARROT.** *Orange:* Baltimore, Bolero, Candysnax, Cupar, Goldfinger, Hercules, Emperor 58, Laguna, Mokum, Napoli, Naval, Negovia, New Kuroda, Scarlet Nantes. *Other:* Gold Nugget, Purple Haze.

**CAULIFLOWER.** Amazing, Cheddar, Snow Crown, Violet Queen.

**CORN.** *Super Sweet:* American Dream, Anthem XR, Catalyst, Enchanted, Icon, Troubadour, Xtra-Tender 274A. *Sugary enhanced:* Ambrosia, Bodacious RM, Delectable, Luscious, Peaches & Cream, Sugar Buns, Temptation. *Synergistic:* Allure, Cuppa Joe, Honey Select, Sweetness. *Ornamental:* Fiesta. *Popcorn:* Dakota Black.



**CUCUMBER.** *Pickling:* Calypso, Eureka, Homemade Pickles, H-19 Little Leaf, Max Pack. *Slicing:* Bristol, Dasher II, Diva, Fanfare, General Lee, Green Light, Mercury, Muncher, Nokya, Orient Express II, Raceway, Raider, Salad Bush, Sashimi, Summer Dance, Sweet Slice, Sweet Success, Tasty Green, Unagi.

**EGGPLANT.** Classic, Dusky, Fairy Tale, Millionaire, Orient Express, Traviata.

**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.

**KALE.** Black Magic, Dazzling Blue, Red Russian, Russian Frills, Vates, Winterbor.

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

**LETTUCE.** *Leaf:* Bergam's Green, Cervanek, Deer Tongue, Merlot, New Red Fire, Red Sails, Red Salad Bowl, Red Velvet, Royal Oakleaf, Slobolt, Starfighter, Tropicana. *Butterhead:* Alkindus, Buttercrunch, Nancy, Red Cross, Skyphos, Sweet Valentine. *Crisphead:* Magenta, Muir, Nevada, Pablo, Sierra. *Romaine:* Bluerock, Crisp Mint, Fusion, Green Forest, Newham, Starhawk. *Lollo:* Dark Red Lollo Rossa.

**MELON.** *Muskmelon:* Aphrodite, Athena, Dakota Sisters, Goddess, Solstice, Superstar. *Specialty:* Arava, Earli-Dew, Passport, San Juan.

**OKRA.** Candle Fire, Clemson Spineless 80.

**ONION.** Ailsa Craig, Candy, Patterson, Rossa di Milano, Talon, Walla Walla.

**PEA. Shell:** Early Frosty, Green Arrow, Knight, Lincoln, Little Marvel, Maestro Improved, Wando. **Snap:** Sugar Ann, Super Sugar Snap. **Snow:** Avalanche, Oregon Giant, Oregon Sugar Pod II, Sweet Horizon.

**PEPPER. Bell:** Bell Boy, Dragonfly, Early Sunstation, King of the North, Lunchbox Mix, New Ace, North Star, Orange Blaze, Red Knight. **Frying/Roasting:** Carmen, Flamingo, Giant Marconi, Gypsy. **Hot:** Cheyenne, Garden Salsa, Hot Paper Lantern, Hungarian Hot Wax, Mariachi, Mucho Nacho, PS11435807, Tiburon.

**POTATO.** Dark Red Norland, Kennebec, Peter Wilcox, Purple Viking, Red Gold, Satina, Superior, Yukon Gem, Yukon Gold.

**PUMPKIN. Jack-o'-lantern:** Autumn Gold, Bellatrix, Cargo, Cronus, Early Dakota Howden, Early Giant, Early King, Gladiator, Howden, Large Marge, Magic Lantern, Neon, Orange Smoothie, Warty Goblin. **Giant:** Big Moose, Dill's Atlantic Giant, Polar Bear. **Ornamental:** Blaze, Casperita, Jack Be Little, Blue Doll, Porcelain Doll.

**RADISH.** Amethyst, Bacchus, Champion, Cherry Belle, Easter Egg II, French Breakfast, Pretty in Pink, Red Head, Rover, Roxanne, Sora, White Icicle.

**RUTABAGA.** American Purple Top.

**SPINACH.** Avon, Bloomsdale Long Standing, Emperor, Escalade, Gazelle, Kookaburra, Lizard, Melody, Olympia, Red Kitten, Space, SV2146VB, Tye.

**SQUASH, SUMMER. Crookneck:** Gentry, Sundance. **Scallop:** Flying Saucer, Sunburst. **Straightneck:** Fortune, Multipik, Slick Pik YS 26, Zephyr. **Zucchini:** Cashflow, Desert, Dunja, Gold Rush, Green Machine, Green Tiger, Payload, Portofino, Raven, Spineless Beauty, Yellowfin.

**SQUASH, WINTER. Acorn:** Autumn Delight, Black Bellota, Carnival, Table Ace, Table King. **Buttercup:** Bonbon, Burgess, Uncle David's Dakota Dessert. **Butternut:**

Butterbaby, Butterscotch, Early Butternut, Granite, Waltham. **Delicata:** Cornell's Bush Delicata, Zeppelin. **Other:** Blue Magic, Delica, Primavera, Red Kuri, Sunshine, Speckled Hound, Sweet Mama.

**SWEET POTATO.** Beauregard.

**SWISS CHARD.** Bali, Bright Lights, Charbell, Improved Rainbow, Lucullus, Oriole, Peppermint, Ruby Red.

**TOMATO. Small:** Juliet, Sungold, SunSugar, Supersweet 100, Fargo Yellow Pear. **Fresh market:** Big Beef Plus, Bush Early Girl, Celebrity Plus, Early Girl, Goliath, Mountain Fresh Plus, Mountain Merit, Red Deuce, Roadster. **Paste:** Granadero, Roma VF, Viva Italia. **Heirloom:** Brandywine, Cherokee Purple, Striped German, Stupice, Wisconsin 55.

**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. Many offer free seed catalogs.

A.P. Whaley Seed, [www.ahwaley.com](http://www.ahwaley.com).

Baker Creek Seed, [www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com).

Burpee Seed, [www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com).

Fedco Seeds, [www.fedcoseeds.com](http://www.fedcoseeds.com).

Gurney's Seed and Nursery, [www.gurneys.com](http://www.gurneys.com).

Harris Seeds, [www.harriseseeds.com](http://www.harriseseeds.com).

High Mowing Seeds, [www.highmowingseeds.com](http://www.highmowingseeds.com).

Johnny's Selected Seeds, [www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com).

Jordan Seeds, [www.jordanseeds.com](http://www.jordanseeds.com).

Jung Seed, [www.jungseed.com](http://www.jungseed.com).

Osborne Seeds, [www.osborneseed.com](http://www.osborneseed.com).

Pinetree Garden Seeds, [www.superseeds.com](http://www.superseeds.com).

Prairie Road Org. Seed, [www.prairieroadorganic.co](http://www.prairieroadorganic.co).

Seed Savers Exchange, [www.seedsavers.org](http://www.seedsavers.org).

Stokes Seeds, [www.stokeseeds.com](http://www.stokeseeds.com).

Territorial Seed, [www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com).

True Leaf Market Seed, [www.trueleafmarket.com](http://www.trueleafmarket.com).

Vesey's Seeds, [www.veseys.com](http://www.veseys.com).



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