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, Inspiration, Jade II, Lewis, Maxibel, Pike, Provider, Purple Queen Improved, Royal Burgundy, Serengeti, Strike. **Dry:** Arikara Yellow, Great Northern. **Lima:** Fordhook 242, Eastland. **Pole:** Fortex, Monte Cristo, Monte Gusto, Orient Wonder, Seychelles, Stringless Blue Lake S-7. **SOYBEAN:** Envy, Tohya. **Wax:** Borsalino, Carson, Gold Rush.


**BROCCOLI.** Green Magic, Packman.

**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:** Chablis Yellow, Purple Haze.

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

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

**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 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:** Allkindus, Buttercrunch, Nancy, Red Cross, Skyphos, Sweet Valentine. **Crisphead:** Magenta, Muir, Nevada, Pablo, Sierra. **Romaine:** Crisp Mint, Fusion, Green Forest, Newham, Starhawk. **Lollo:** Dark Red Lollo Rossa.

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

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**CUCUMBER. Pickling:** Alibi, Calypso, Eureka, Homemade Pickles, H-19 Little Leaf. **Slicing:** Dasher II, Diva, Fanfare, General Lee, Green Light, Mercury, Muncher, Orient Express II, Raceway, Raider, Salad Bush, Silver Slicer, Straight Eight, Summer Dance, Sweet Slice, Sweet Success, Tasty Green.
OKRA. Candle Fire, Clemson Spineless.

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


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.


SWEET POTATO. Beauregard.

SWISS CHARD. Bali, Bright Lights, Charbell, Flamingo, Improved Rainbow, 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. Many offer free seed catalogs.


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