

Vegetable Cultivars for North Dakota

2026

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 works with over 200 gardeners every summer to evaluate promising cultivars. 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, Compass, Crockett, Derby, Homerun, Jade, Lewis, Pike, Provider, Purple Queen Improved, Red Tail, Royal Burgundy, Strike, Tendergreen Improved. *Pole:* Fortex, Monte Gusto, Orient Wonder, Seychelles, Stringless Blue Lake S-7. *Soybean:* Envy, Tohya. *Wax:* Borsalino, Carson, Custard, Gold Rush.

BEET. *Red:* Bohan, Bull's Blood, Cylindra, Detroit Dark Red, Eagle, Early Wonder Tall Top, Merlin, Red Ace, Red Cloud, Sweet Dakota Bliss. *Gold:* Boldor, Burpee's Golden, Golden Boy, Touchstone Gold, Yellow Sunrise.

BROCCOLI. Green Magic, Gypsy.

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

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

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

CORN. *Super Sweet:* American Dream, Anthem XR, Awaken, Bolt, Icon, Kate, Superb, Troubadour, XTH11274, 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, Super Max. *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.

GOURD. Autumn Wings Blend, Gizmo.

GREENS. Hon Tsai Tai, Koji, Joi Choi, 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, Merlot, New Red Fire, Red Sails, Red Salad Bowl, Red Velvet, Slobolt, Starfighter, Tropicana. *Bibb/Butterhead:* Alkindus, Buttercrunch, Gatsbi, Nancy, Newham, Red Cross, Skyphos, Sweet Valentine. *Summer Crisp:* Albachiara, Chrystal, Magenta, Muir, Nevada, Pablo, Sierra. *Romaine:* Bluerock, Crisp Mint, Fusion, Green Forest, Starhawk, Sunland. *Lollo:* Dark Red Lollo Rossa.

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

OKRA. Buffalo Bill 91, Candle Fire, Clemson Spineless 80, Jambalaya 2.0.

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 Sunsation, 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, Big Doris, Big Loretta, Cargo, Cronus, Denali, Early Dakota Howden, Early King, Gladiator, Howden, Large Marge, Magic Lantern, Neon, Orange Smoothie, Warty Goblin. ***Giant:*** Dill's Atlantic Giant, Grower's Giant, Polar Bear. ***Ornamental:*** Abominable, 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. Bloomsdale Long Standing, Emperor, Escalade, Gazelle, Green Beret (SV2157VB), Lizard, Melody, Olympia, Red Kitten, Space, Tyee.

SQUASH, SUMMER. *Crookneck:* Gentry, Sundance. ***Scallop:*** Green Lightning, Sunburst. ***Straightneck:*** Butterfingers, Fortune, Multipik, Zephyr. ***Zucchini:*** Cashflow, Desert, Dunja, Gold Rush, Green Machine, Green Tiger, Kefren, Mexicana, 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:*** Block Party, Butterbaby, Butterscotch, Early Butternut, Granite, Waltham. ***Delicata:*** Cornell's Bush Delicata, Zeppelin. ***Other:*** Blue Magic, Delica, Pinnacle, Primavera, Red Kuri, Sunshine, Speckled Hound, Sweet Mama.

SWEET POTATO. Beauregard.

SWISS CHARD. Bali, Bright Lights, Charbell, Fordhook Giant, Improved Rainbow, Oriole, Peppermint, Ruby Red.

TOMATO. *Small:* Fargo Yellow Pear, Juliet, Red Torch, Sungold, SunSugar, Supersweet 100. ***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, German Johnson, Manitoba, 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:*** Sweet Dawn.

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 of these companies offer free seed catalogs.

A.P. Whaley Seed, www.ahwaley.com.

Baker Creek Seed, www.rareseeds.com.

Burpee Seed, www.burpee.com.

Fedco Seeds, www.fedcoseeds.com.

Gurney's Seed and Nursery, www.gurneys.com.

Harris Seeds, www.harriseseeds.com.

High Mowing Seeds, www.highmowingseeds.com.

Johnny's Selected Seeds, www.johnnyseeds.com.

Jordan Seeds, www.jordanseeds.com.

Jung Seed, www.jungseed.com.

Osborne Seeds, www.osborneseed.com.

Pinetree Garden Seeds, www.superseeds.com.

Prairie Road Org. Seed, www.prairieroadorganic.co.

Seed Savers Exchange, www.seedsavers.org.

Stokes Seeds, www.stokeseeds.com.

Territorial Seed, www.territorialseed.com.

True Leaf Market Seed, www.trueleafmarket.com.

Vesey's Seeds, www.veseys.com.



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