

Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners



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Gardeners' reviews help identify the best and the worst vegetable varieties.





“What varieties will grow best in my garden?”



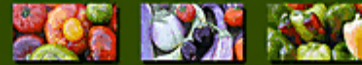
No doubt gardeners have been asking their fellow gardeners this question for centuries.



Today's gardeners ask the same question.



But now there is an avenue for gardeners to share their knowledge with a much wider community.



**The concept is simple:
Gardeners visit this web site and report what varieties
perform well - and not so well - in their gardens.**

The screenshot shows the website's layout. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Register/Login', 'My Varieties', and 'My Profile'. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with 'Home', 'Browse Crops', 'Growing Guides', 'Cornell Gardening Info', 'About', and 'How To Use This Site'. Below the menu is a search box with a dropdown menu set to 'All' and a 'Search' button. Further down, there's a 'My Profile Data' section with a 'login' link. The main content area features several sections: 'Which varieties are best for your garden?' with an introductory paragraph and a 'Read more' link; 'View ratings' with a search box and a 'browse' link; 'Rate varieties' with a 'Create a profile' link and a 'login' link; and 'Need Help?' with a 'How To Use This Site' link. At the bottom of the main content area, there's a 'Most Popular Varieties' section listing 'Sungold Tomatoes' with 77 ratings and 'Brandywine Tomatoes' with 73 ratings. A footer at the bottom of the page reads 'Help promote Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners'.

**Other gardeners visit to view the variety ratings and read
the reviews to decide which might work well for them.**

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This forum also provides an opportunity for researchers to involve knowledgeable and motivated gardeners in meaningful scientific research.





The performance of vegetable varieties in home and community gardens is often overlooked, in part, because visiting even just thousands of gardens to collect data would be an overwhelming task.





With a multitude of gardener observations at their fingertips, researchers gain new insights into the performance of vegetable varieties under a wide range of conditions...



...and ultimately provide more insights into which varieties perform best.

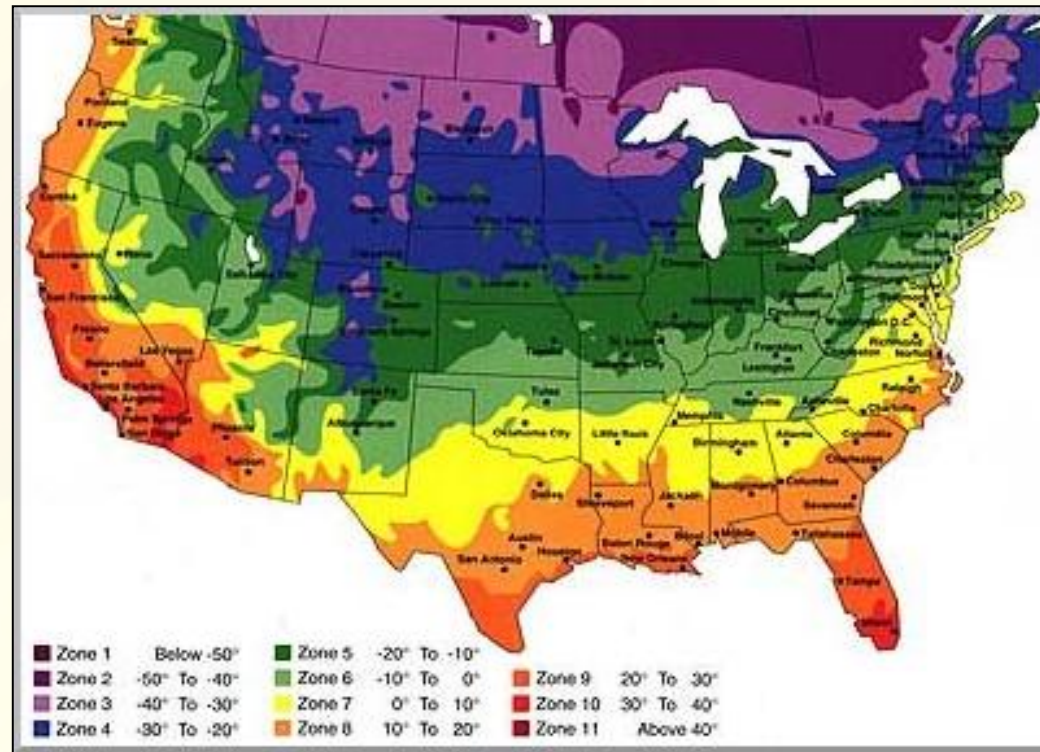
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Since winter 2005:

- **6,000+** variety descriptions have been added.
- Over **5,500** variety reviews have been added.
- Over **5,100** gardeners from every state and most Canadian provinces have registered gardener profiles.



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Visit the website and find the most popular and top rated.

Most Popular Varieties

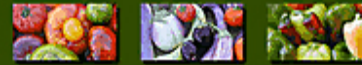
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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Sungold Tomatoes | ★★★★★
77 Ratings |
| 2. Brandywine Tomatoes | ★★★★★
73 Ratings |
| 3. Celebrity Tomatoes | ★★★★★
48 Ratings |
| 4. Cherokee Purple Tomatoes | ★★★★★
47 Ratings |
| 5. Stupice Tomatoes | ★★★★★
43 Ratings |
| 6. Early Girl Tomatoes | ★★★★★
41 Ratings |
| 7. Jet Star Tomatoes | ★★★★★
27 Ratings |
| 8. Bright Lights Swiss Chard | ★★★★★
26 Ratings |
| 9. Big Beef Tomatoes | ★★★★★
23 Ratings |
| 10. Fortex Beans | ★★★★★
22 Ratings |

Varieties rated most often. Not necessarily the highest rated.



Top 10 Rated Varieties

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Visit the website to:



Browse varieties by crop

Click on a crop to view or rate varieties

Artichoke - Globe	Eggplant	Peanuts
Arugula	Endive	Peas
Asparagus	Fennel	Peppers
Basil	Garlic	Potatoes
Beans	Gourds	Pumpkins
Beets	Horseradish	Purslane
Broccoli	Jerusalem Artichoke	Radicchio
Broccoli Raab	Kale	Radishes
Brussels Sprouts	Kohlrabi	Rhubarb
Burdock	Leeks	Rutabagas
Cabbage	Lettuce	Salsify
Cardoon	Mache	Shallots
Carrots	Malabar spinach	Sorrel
Cauliflower	Melons	Spinach
Celeriac	Mesclun Mix	Squash - Summer
Celery	Minutina	Squash - Winter
Chives	Mizuna	Sweet potato
Chrysanthemum	Mustard	Swiss Chard
Cilantro	New Zealand spinach	Tatsoi
Claytonia	Okra	Tomatillos
Collards	Onions	Tomatoes
Corn	Orach	Turnips
Cress	Pak Choy	Tyfon
Cucumber	Parsley	Vegetable Amaranth
Cutting Chicory	Parsnips	

Misc. greens - arugula, chard, kale, claytonia, mustard, and more

Misc. Roots - rutabagas, turnips, celeriac, horseradish, and more



Refine your search of varieties to Type, Growth Habit and more...

Tomatoes Finder:

Type:
Any Currant
Season: Cherry
Any Grape
Heirloom Pear
Any Plum
Greenhouse Standard
Any Paste

Beans Finder:

Growth Habit:
Any

Type:
Any
Other
Soybean
Dry
Fava (broad)
Lima
Romano
French Filet
Purple
Yellow (wax)
Green

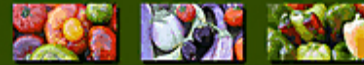
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Corn Finder:

Sugar Genetics:
Any Normal (su)
Season: Sugar-enhanced (se)
Any Supersweet (sh2)

Kernel Color:
Any

Specialty Corn:
Any



Sort varieties of a crop by ratings, popularity, days to maturity...

Your search returned the following **218** results:

Sort Results by : Highest Rated - Overall

Limit Results to : Highest Rated - Overall
Highest Rated - Taste
Highest Rated - Yield
Highest Rated - Ease
Most Popular (most ratings)
Days To Maturity
Variety Name

Click on the variety



Visit variety profile pages to complete a custom search for seed sources...

'Stonehead' Cabbage

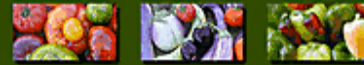
Rate this variety.

Sub-Category: Green
Early-Season

Description: Hybrid. Early, 6-inch, round, 3- to 4-pound heads with extremely solid interiors, short cores and few outer leaves. Slow to split. Resistant to fusarium yellows. Tip burn and bursting tolerant.

Days To Maturity: 50-67

Seed Sources:



...and read reviews from other gardeners...

★★★★★ , Aug 27, 2010

Reviewer: [vschlaff](#) from MI

These are wonderful!!! I will never plant another type of cherry tomato. My plants did very well. disease resistant. I dried a lot of batches of these. I ate and gave away tons and still have some on the plants. They do crack, but they still taste good cracked.

Was this review helpful to you? yes no

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★★ , Aug 17, 2010

Reviewer: [GaetanoL](#) from Westchester County, NY

Productive, early and super sweet. People with whom I've shared this tomato are almost universally surprised by the wallop of flavor packed in such a small package. I think also the orange color throws people off as to what kind of flavor to expect. This is not your tomato if you require a tangy, acidic variety.

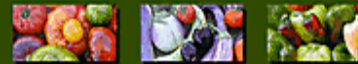
Was this review helpful to you? yes no

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★★ , Jul 14, 2010

Reviewer: [Schmidty](#) from PA

I love this tomato! It is more sweet than "tomato-y," but delicious. They do crack, but it does not matter if you pick them every day and eat them on the spot. Unfortunately, they developed late blight last year (along with almost every other tomato plant in Pennsylvania.) We still got a few anyway.



...and sort reviews.

Newest First
Oldest First
Highest Rating First
Lowest Rating First
Most Helpful First
Least Helpful First
5-Star Reviews Only
4-Star Reviews Only
3-Star Reviews Only
2-Star Reviews Only
1-Star Reviews Only

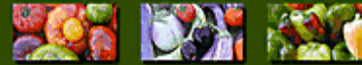
Lowest Rating First

Update Results [Help]

4 of 7 people found the following review helpful:

★☆☆☆☆ , Jan 21, 2005
Reviewer: **barkeater** from VT
Doesn't taste like a tomato, cracks easy, and skins are like cellophane.

Was this review helpful to you?



Limit varieties review results to just your state or just your frost-free season.

★★★★☆ , Mar 16, 2010
Reviewer: **edweather** from Oswego County, NY
Love these! Best tomato I ever tasted...real tomato flavor. Early too. I've had them vine ripen in June.....early July at the latest. I've grown them for the last 4 years. The only reason I gave them a 4 star overall, is because they sometimes have yellow shoulders, but don't let that stop you.

Was this review helpful to you?

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★☆ , Aug 15, 2009
Reviewer: **Mr Wizard** from Suffolk County, NY
These are the earliest tomatoes I've found. The taste is acceptable, not outstanding but not pasty either. I'll grow them again. The above reviewer is correct about the green shoulders. I can't figure out why. The foliage seems dense and healthy enough.

Was this review helpful to you?

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★☆ , Jan 22, 2008
Reviewer: **SarahP** from Monroe County, NY
I grow Stupice in 3.5 gal containers. I have tried many varieties in containers. This is one of the winners. Nicely disease resistant and early too.

Your search returned the following **600** results:

Sort Results by : [v] [D]

Limit Results to : [v] [Hel] [ts]

- All responses
- Just my state
- Just my frost-free season

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Register to create your garden profile.

Name:

Screen Name: (Required)

E-Mail (will serve as your username): (Required)

Retype E-Mail: (Required)

Password: (Required)

Retype Password: (Required)

Country: (Required)

Province: (Required for Canada)

State: (Required for USA)

County: (Required if US Resident)

Zip Code: (Required)

Your garden profile details (below) will be critical for fellow gardeners searching for reviews and ratings from gardeners with similar conditions.

Your Frost Free Season: Not Sure? [NY Map](#)/[National Map](#)

Your Soil Texture:

Your Garden Size:

Sun Exposure:

Your Gardening Experience:

Cornell University values diversity and is committed to welcoming all individuals to our programs. To help us evaluate how effective we are at reaching diverse audiences, please answer the following optional demographic questions.

What is your gender?

Male

Female

What is your age?

Under 18

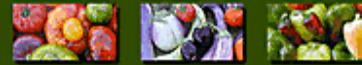
18-30

30-45

45-65

Over 65





Rate your vegetable varieties.

Rate Orion

[\[Rating help\]](#)

Please rate this variety (Orion) on a scale of 1 to 5 stars, with 5 stars being the best:

1. Overall rating?

2. Taste?

3. Yield?

4. Ease/Reliability?

5. Type your review in the space below:
(maximum of 1,000 words)

6. Upload your photo of Orion

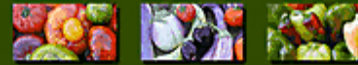
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7. Display this information with your review:

Your name:

8. Where in the world are you?

[Preview your review](#)



Track your vegetable varieties reviews.

LJB's Profile

County: Tompkins
State: NY
Zip Code: 14850
Frost Free Season: 123 - 143 days
Soil Texture: Clay
Garden Size: Small - Less than 400 square feet (20' x 20')
Sun Exposure: 6 to 8 hours per day
Gardening Experience: An intermediate gardener

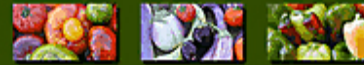
My Varieties

You have rated 2 varieties.

Provider , Beans
Review Date: 2006-08-22
Taste: ★★★★★
Yield: ★★★★★
Ease/Reliability:
Overall Rating: ★★★★★
Review: Provide it does!
[\[Edit Rating\]](#) [\[Delete Rating\]](#)

Eight Ball , Squash - Summer
Review Date: 2006-08-29
Taste: ★★★★★
Yield: ★★★★★
Ease/Reliability: ★★★★★
Overall Rating: ★★★★★
Review: It is just so darn cute. And if you miss harvesting it when it is small it makes a great green pumpkin. We even carved one.
[\[Edit Rating\]](#) [\[Delete Rating\]](#)

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**Keep us growing.
Join the team. Encourage others.**





Be a part of backyard biodiversity.





Asking gardeners to partner with researchers by collecting and sharing their own observations via the web will be a winning combination for all!





Discover more at: <http://vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu>

Check out ...

Growing Guides

Links to guides to 58 garden vegetables. Each profile contains a detailed description and growing instructions, site and soil requirements, varieties, and solutions for managing pests and diseases.

Cornell Gardening Info

Links to lots more Cornell vegetable gardening resources including...

- A **Recommended vegetable varieties** list
- Where to **Find local help**

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