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Vegetable varieties recommended for Colorado's Front Range

Based upon Trial Performance, 1988-1992

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This information was obtained from observations from five annual vegetable gardens at the Plant Environmental Research Center on the Colorado State University campus 600 W. Lake Street, Fort Collins.

Varieties	Seed Co.	Yr. Rec.
AMARANTHUS		
Amaranth purple, coleus-like leaves	Johnny's	88
BEANS		
Bush Green Pod		
Derby early, good size, shape and color	Ferry-Morse	92
Espada late, straight, 5 inch pods, good pods	Harris-Moran	91
E-Z Pick round pods, good flavor	Johnny's	88
Gentry straight, 5 inch pods, good set and yield	Liberty	91
Hystyl good color, size and flavor	Harris-Moran	92
Jade-long bean (8 inch), good flavor and yield	Johnny's	88
Pod Squad nice straight 6 inch pods, good yield	Midwest	91
Ventura early, 5 inch pods, good set, tiny plant	Midwest	91
Vernel shell bean, good yield	Vilmorin	92
Bush Yellow Pod		
Dorabel straight, good size, yield and flavor	Vilmorin	92
Gold Rush straight bean and good yield	Stokes	92

Honey Gold small plant, nice beans, good flavor	Stokes	92
BEETS		
Bikores nice color, deep globe	Seedway	89,90 91,92
Dwergina globe, nice interior color	Johnny's	88,89,90
Early Tall Wonder novelty, red and white concentric rings	Midwest	91
Early Red Ball globe, beautiful internal color	Stokes	88
Mobile pointed globe, beautiful color, 1 inch crown	Seedway	89
Pablo nice color, globe	Seedway	90,91,92
BROCCOLI		
Galaxy nice looking heads	Asgrow	88
Goliath good looking heads	Stokes	88
Packman nice, 5-inch heads, uniform	Johnny's/Peto	89,90 91,92
Prima smooth, 5-inch heads, takes hot weather	Daehnfeltdt	91

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BRUSSELS SPROUTS			Cadet			
Rider			bicolor, mid-season, 16 row, good flavor	Agway	91,92	
best we ever had	Seedway	89	Candy Store			
CABBAGE			bicolor, mid-season, 16 row, good flavor	Harris-Moran	92	
Balbro			Clock Work			
nice, uniform heads	Stokes	92	bicolor, mid-season, 2 row, good flavor	Johnny's	90,92	
Blue Vantage			Divinity			
flat globe, good yield	Liberty	92	white, 18 row, good flavor	Stokes	90	
Charmont			Double Gem			
blue-green, early, nice	Liberty	92	bicolor, mid-season, 14 row, good flavor	Johnny's	92	
Cheers			Fancy Full			
blue-green, big, round	Liberty	92	bicolor, mid-season, 14 row, good flavor	Liberty	92	
Grand Prize			Golden Gourmet			
blue-green, 8-inch head, nice	Peto	91,92	yellow, late, 20 row, good flavor	Harris-Moran	92	
Grenadier			Illumination			
green, 9-inch heads, big yield	N-King	91	white, mid-season, 4 row, verses good flavor	Liberty	92	
Polar Green			Incredible			
light green, 7-inch, heads, uniform	Stokes	90,91,92	bicolor, late, 16 row, excellent flavor	Liberty	92	39
Puma			Ivanhoe Best of 1992			
green, uniform, small heads	Liberty	92	bicolor, mid-season, 16 row, excellent flavor	Stokes	92	
Quick Step			Lancelot			
green, uniform, early, 6 inch heads	Johnny's	90	bicolor, mid-season, 18 row, good flavor	Stokes	91,92	
Red Rookie			Maple Sweet			
late, red, worm-free	Liberty	89	yellow, 16 row, good flavor	Stokes	90	
CARROTS			Medley			
Apache			bicolor, 14 row, good flavor	Liberty	89	
nice top, spike type, late, straight	Sun	90	Phenomenol			
Blaze			bicolor, 14 row, good flavor	Stokes	88	
nice spike type	N-king	91	Precocious			
Cello-King			yellow, 14 row, good flavor	Stokes	90	
good spike type	N-King	91	Quickie			
Flame			bicolor, 14 row, good flavor	Johnny's	90	
spike type, good color	N-King	91	Sir Galahad			
Fontana			bicolor, late, 16 row, good flavor	Stokes	92	
nice top, spike type, orange interior	Seedway	90	Starstruck			
Huron			bicolor, 14 row, good flavor	Johnny's	88	
spike type, best interior color	Sun	88	Sugar Buns			
Presto			yellow, 14 row, good flavor	Stokes	88	
cone type, good yield	ilmorin	92	Sugar Snow			
691			white, early, 12 row, good flavor	Liberty	92	
nice interior color, spike type	Twilley	92	Sweet Silver			
781			white, 16 row, excellent flavor	Liberty	89	
spike type with good color	Twilley	91	Sweetie 76			
CAULIFLOWER			yellow, 16 row, good flavor	Sun	89	
Burgundy Queen			Twilight			
purple, uniform, nice 5-inch heads	Stokes	90	bicolor, 20 row, good flavor	Agway	91	
Early White			Zenith			
sun-protected, tight 8-inch heads	Burpee	90	yellow, late, 18 rows, good flavor	Harris-Moran	92	
Purple Head			CUCUMBERS			
good looking, purple head type	Burpee	88	Bellando			
CHINESE CABBAGE			slicer, tapered			
Two Season			both ends, 2 inches by 7 inches	Midwest	91	
cylindrical heads, flea beetle resistant	Burpee	89	Comet A			
Yoko			regular slicer, 2 inches by 8 inches	Asgrow	88	
solid, early, flea beetle resistant	Seedway	90,91	Raider			
CORN			slicer, good yield, 2 inches by 8 inches	Harris-Moran	92	
Argent			Salad Bowl			
white, late, 16 row, good flavor	Liberty	92	regular slicer, bush plant, 2 1/2 inches by 8 inches	All-Americ.Sel.	89	
Bicolor 76						
bicolor, mid-season, 16 row, good flavor	Twilley	92				
Bodacious						
yellow, 14 row, excellent flavor	Liberty	88,89				
Butterfruit Bicolor						
bicolor, 20 row, excellent flavor	Park	89				
Butterfruit Original						
yellow, 12 row, excellent flavor	Park	89				

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Sweet Success burpless type, 2 inches by 12 inches	Peto	88
DILL		
Long Island Mammoth branching nicely, 2 feet high	N-King	90
EGGPLANT		
Beauty regular fruit, some resistance to Colorado potato beetle	Peto	89
Black Beauty regular shaped, dark fruit	Asgrow	88
Burpee Hybrid purple, 5 inches by 5 inches, early, nice	Burpee	92
Classy Chassis purple, 4 inches by 7 inches	Stokes	92
Early Beauty dark purple, regular, small fruit	Burpee	88
Easter Egg white egg, 3-inch diameter	Peto	88,91,92
Oriental Express small elongated fruit, 1 inch by 5 inches	Johnny's	88
Tycoon regular shape, small, dark purple fruit	Stokes	88
Valentina elongated, dark purple fruit	Peto	88
KALE		
Winterbor fringed leaf type	Johnny's	88
KOHLRABI		
Express Force white, looked nice	Park	90
Purple Danube purple, good plants and yield	Johnny's	88
LETTUCE		
Anuenus light green, butterhead type	Johnny's	88
Bounty bright green, large leafed, looseleaf	Peto	89
Brunia red oak leaf, nice looking	Vilmorin	91,92
Canasta red tinged, semi-ruffled, butterhead	Johnny's	88
Cindy light green, butterhead type	Park	88,90
Citation light green butterhead type	Asgrow	88
Eline medium green, slight ruffle, butterleaf	Johnny's	90
Emerald Giant light green butterhead type	Gloeckner	88
French Crisp light green, flat leaf, butterhead	Johnny's	88
Green Bud light green, smooth leaf, butterhead	Gloeckner	88
Green Globe light green butterhead	Gloeckner	88
Green Hart light green, looseleaf type	Burpee	88

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Green Ice light green, ruffled, looseleaf	Burpee	89
Nancy good butterhead variety	Johnny's	90
Prize Head red tinged, semi-ruffled, looseleaf	Asgrow	89
Red Sails dark red, ruffled, looseleaf	Peto	88,89
Romulus MI dark green, smooth, looseleaf	Peto	91
Rosalita red Romaine lettuce, nice novelty	Johnny's	90
Royal Oakleaf light green oakleaf type	Burpee	89,91
Ruby Ruffles red-purple tinged, ruffled, looseleaf	Gloeckner	88
Sangria red butterhead type, big smooth leaves	Johnny's	90
Selma-Lollo red-purple tinged, ruffled, looseleaf	Park	88
Sierra red tinged, looseleaf, pretty	Vilmorin	91,92
Slobolt light green, ruffled leaf, stands heat	Harris-Moran	92
Sudia medium green, flat leaf, butterhead	Vilmorin	91
Tango delicate, small, ruffled, looseleaf	Burpee	89
Tyfon light green, ruffled, looseleaf	Vt. Bean Co.	88
Verte Mar bright, dark green, upright, Romaine	Vilmorin	91,92
Victoria nice, ruffled, looseleaf	Johnny's	90
Vulcan red tinged leaves, very nice	Vilmorin	91
Waldmann's light green, ruffled, looseleaf	Harris-Moran	88
MELONS		
Pulsar corky net, 7x5", sweet orange flesh	Peto	89
Rocky Sweet golden, netted, 6x7", green, sweet flesh	Johnny's	88
Sweet Dreams yellow skin, green flesh, 6-inches round	Burpee	88
MUSTARD		
Fordhook similar to turnip greens, cut leaves	Burpee	88,89
OKRA		
Burgundy dark red pods	All-Ameri. Sel.	88
Clemson Spineless good producer	Burpee	88

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PAK CHOI		
Joi Choi		
green leaves with white petioles	Jung	88
Mei Oing Choi		
good producer	Johnny's	88
PARSLEY		
Dark Green Curled		
good producer, acceptable	Agway	90
PEAS		
Burpeena		
early freezer type	Burpee	88
Miragreen		
small size freezer pea, vigorous	Jung	88
Sugar Ann		
edible round pod, can be canned	Gallatin	90
SugarBon		
edible round pod	Gallatin	88
Sugar Mel		
edible flat pod	Gallatin	88
PEPPERS		
Bell King		
nice bells, 3 inches by 5 inches, 4-lobed	Harris-Moran	92
Candlelight		
ornamental border, tabasco fruit	All-Ameri. Sel.	88
Cherry Sweet		
nice load of 1-inch cherry peppers	Peto	90,91
Gold Spike		
sweet, yellow, chili-shaped fruit	Peto	88
Oriole		
best shaped bell of 90 trial	Stokes	90
Predi		
late, uniform bell fruit, 2 1/2 inches by 4 inches	Vilmorin	92
Robin		
best bell of 91 trial, mostly 3-lobed	Stokes	91
Super Cayenne		
yellow and red fruit, 0.4 inch by 2 inches	All-Ameri. Sel.	92
Super Chili		
normal size plant with tobasco fruit	All-Ameri. Sel.	90
Vidi		
4-lobed bells, 3 inches by 4 inches	Liberty	92
860		
bell fruit, diameter exceeds length	Twilley	92
PUMPKIN		
Baby Bear		
4 inches high, 6 inches diameter, good yield	Johnny's	92
Happy Jack		
12 inches high, 14 inches diameter, good yield	Liberty	92
Howden		
12 inches high, 16 inches diameter, good yield	Harris-Moran	92
RADICCHIO		
Alto		
red-purple, flat leaves	Johnny's	88
Autumn Cop		
dark green with blotches of purple	Gloeckner	88
Garnet Wonder		
purple veins, flat leaf	Gloeckner	88

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RADISH		
Champion		
round, red cherry, nice	Asgrow	88
Cherry Balls		
round, red, very good	Peto	91
Early Scarlet Globe		
round, red cherry, good	Asgrow	88
Plum Purple		
elongated, brilliant purple, nice	Park	91
Poker		
red, globe, nice color, 0.75 inch	Seedway	90
Red King		
round, red, very nice	Harris-Moran	91
White Icicle		
white, elongated root	Burpee	88
SPINACH		
Bloomsdale LS		
late, semi-savoyed, nice, uniform	Burpee	88
Carambole		
big, arrowhead leaves, short petioles	N-King	91
Marathon		
semi-savoyed, upright, uniform	Asgrow	88,89
Tyce		
savoyed, arrowhead, early, uniform	Johnny's	90
SQUASH		
Butterstick		
yellow zucchini, good yield	Burpee	91
Condor		
good black zucchini	Vilmorin	92
Cream-of-the-Crop		
cream-colored acorn squash	N-King	92
Elite		
dark green zucchini	Harris-Moran	92
Gold Rush		
Yellow, straight neck zucchini	Peto	91
Midnite		
black skinned zucchini	Harris-Moran	92
Tivoli		
spaghetti type, good yield	All-Ameri. Sel.	92
TOMATO		
Big Boy		
large vine, globe fruit, good flavor	Burpee	89
Good-n-Early		
small plant, globe, great color and flavor	Burpee	89
Lemon Boy		
flat globe, yellow, good flavor	Peto	91
Spirit		
flat globe, good flavor, red	Johnny's	91
Yellow Stuffer		
globe, yellow, hollow like a bell pepper	Liberty	91
TURNIP		
Shiro		
nice white globe	May	88