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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	Daehnfeldt	91

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