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### Vegetables for the St. Louis Area - Recommended Varieties

Vegetable	Cultivar	Disease Resistance or Tolerance/Comments
<b>Asparagus</b>		
	Jersey Supreme	(R, FW) early, excellent yields, very tender
	Jersey Giant	(R, FW, CR) fine flavor, productive
	Jersey King	(R) highly productive
	Purple Passion	(FW) great flavor, very sweet purple sprouts
<b>Beans</b>		
Green Bush: Hybrids	Provider	(CBMV, DM, PM, C) buttery flavor, 50 days
	Derby	(CBMV, PM) little fiber, great taste, 55 days
	Bush Blue Lake 274	(CBMV) good bean flavor, 58 days
	Matador	(CBMV, A, H) excellent flavor and yields, 60 days
	Contender	(CBMV, PM, H, C) tender and stringless, 40 days
Yellow Bush: Hybrids	Topcrop	(CBMV), pods easy to pick, good flavor, 51 days
	Cherokee	(CBMV, R) tasty, stringless, productive, 48 days
	Eureka	(CBMV, BBS) high yielding, 55 days
	Indy Gold	(CBMV, BBS, HB) tender with good flavor, 52 days
Pole	Gold Mine	(CBMV, BBS, HB) sweet, high yielding, 53 days
	Kentucky Blue (hybrid)	(CBMV, BBS, HB) sweet, stringless, heavy yields, 65 days
	Blue Lake (open pollinated)	(CBMV) sweet, tender, 60 days
<b>Bean, Lima</b>		
Bush	Burpee's Improved	Large yields, sugar sweet taste, 70 days
	Fordhook 242	(H, DT) productive, nutty flavor, 65 days
	Henderson's	Baby lima, tender, sweet beans, 65 days
Pole	King of the Garden	Large bean, productive, 88 days
<b>Beets</b>		
	Red Ace (hybrid)	(CLS, H) early beet, 53 days
	Pacemaker III	(CLS, DM) round, 55 days
	Detroit Dark Red (open pollinated)	(CLS) all purpose beet, round roots, 60 days
	Ruby Queen (open pollinated)	Sweet, fine grained, solid, 52 days
<b>Broccoli</b>		
	Premium Crop	(DM) 8-9 in. heads, holds in prime condition well, 65 days
	Arcadia	(DM, BR, H) very firm dome head, 63 days
	Gypsy	(DM, H) well-domed, medium size heads, 58 days
<b>Brussels Sprouts</b>		

	Jade Cross	(H, Y) crisp, mild flavor, 82 days
	Bubbles	(R) adaptable, holds well, 90 days
<b>Cabbage</b>		
	Stonehead	(BR, Y) 3-4 lb., round, solid heads, resists cracking, 51 days
	Early Jersey Wakefield	(Y) solid, 2-4 lb. pointed heads, resists cracking, 65 days
	Charment	(Y) solid, 3-4 lb. heads, crack resistant, 66 days
	Cardinal	(BR, Y) round, deep-red heads, crack resistant, 80 days
<b>Cantaloupes</b>		
	Ambrosia	(DM, PM) very sweet, firm, juicy, 5 lb. fruits, 86 days
	Burpee Hybrid	(FW, PM) large, 6 lb. fruit, very productive, sweet, 82 days
	Hale's Best	Very productive, 3-4 lb fruit, 80 days
	Harper Hybrid	(FW) heavy yields, 4 lb. fruit, 86 days
<b>Carrots</b>		
	Short 'n Sweet	Petite, 4-in. roots, sweet, good in heavy or poor soil, 68 days
	Danvers Half Long	Fine-grained, sweet, 6-8 in. roots, 75 days
	Kuroda	Fine-texture, high moisture content, 90 days
	Scarlet Nantes	Sweet, tender, crisp, 6-7 in. roots, 62 days
	Royal Chantenay	Good for heavy or poor soil, broad, blocky shape, 70 days
<b>Cauliflower</b>		
	Snow Crown	Fully domed heads, 7-8 in. across, tolerant to heat and cold, 50 days
<b>Corn, Sweet</b>		
Sugar Enhanced (SE)		
Yellow	Bodacious	(SW, NCLB, SCLB) tender, sweet, holds well, 75 days
	Legend	(SCLB) sweet, extra large kernels, 65 days
	Kandy Korn	(SCLB) red-striped husks, 89 days
	Incredible	(R, SCLB, SW) excellent taste, 85 days
White	Silver King	(SW, NCLB, R) tasty, widely adaptable, 83 days
	Silver Princess	(NCLB, SW) sweet, 7 ½ in. ears, 74 days
Bicolor	Ambrosia	(SW) great taste, early vigor, 75 days
	Peaches & Cream	(SW) sweet, large yields, 83 days
	Delectable	(R, NCLB, SCLB) adaptable, sweet and tender, 82 days
<b>Cucumbers</b>		
Slicing	Bush Crop	(SC) dwarf bush, tasty, 60 days
	Salad Bush	(CMV, SC, TLS) small compact plants, 57 days
	Marketmore 76	(DM, PM, SC, CMV) picks for long time, 58 days
	Sweet Slice	(DM, PM, A, ALS) burpless, non-bitter, sweet taste, 62 days
Pickling	Bush Pickle	(SC, CMV) good for containers, compact, 55 days
	Homemade Pickles	(ALS, A, CMV, DM, PM) very good for pickling, 56 days
	County Fair	(CMV, PM, A, ALS) almost seedless, 3 in. cukes, 52 days

## Eggplants

	Black Bell	(TMV) productive, early, 58 days
	Dusky	(TMV) pear shape, purple fruit, 56 days
	Burpee Hybrid	(DT) dark, medium size fruits, 70 days
<b>Lettuce</b>		
Leaf	Black Seeded Simpson	(H) adaptable, early, crisp tender leaves, 45 days
	Oak Leaf	(H) tender, tasty leaves, 45 days
	Red Sails	(H) bronze-red leaves, 45 days
Bibb	Buttercrunch	(H) slow to bolt, compact head, tender leaves, 66 days
	Tom Thumb	(H) baseball size heads, good summer lettuce, 34 days
Head	Summertime	(H, TB) firm heads, slow to bolt, 70 days
Romaine	Parris Island	Tall, 8-12 in. heads, 50-70 days
<b>Okra</b>		
	Cajun Delight	Productive, 30 in. plants, 70 days
	Annie Oakley	Tender, rich flavor, compact and early, 48 days
	Clemson Spineless	Productive, pods without spines, 56 days
<b>Peas</b>		
Garden	Spring	(FW) Early, medium size pea, 22 in. vines, 52 days
	Little Marvel	(FW) 18 in. vines, 63 days
	Green Arrow	(DM, FW) big harvests, 24-28 in. vines, 70 days
	Mr. Big	(PM) large pods, indeterminate plants, 60 days
Snap	Sugar Sprint	(PM) stringless, 26 in. vines, 62 days
	Super Sugar Snap	(PM) very sweet, 55-65 in. vines, 64 days
Snow	Dwarf Gray Sugar	Sweet, crisp pods, 24-30 in. vines, 65 days
	Oregon Sugar Pod II	(PM) widely adapted, hardy, 30 in. vines, 64 days
<b>Peppers</b>		
Sweet	Valencia Hybrid	(TMV) orange color, blocky shape, 70 days
	Karma Hybrid	(TMV) red color, heavy yield, needs staking, 68 days
	Purple Beauty	(TMV) purple bell, crisp and sweet, 70-75 days
	Golden Bell	Yellow bell, easy to grow, 62 days
	Giant Marconi	(TMV, PVY) excellent for grilling, productive, 63 days
	Gypsy	(TMV) frying type, long, thick walled, sweet, 58 days
Hot	Big Red Hybrid	Extra long, mildly hot cayenne, 70 days
	Long Red Slim	Very hot, bright red, 75 days
	Cayenne	Red hot, dries easily, 75 days
	Jalapeno	Medium hot, 3 in. pepper, red, 72 days
	Garden Salsa Hybrid	Medium heat, great for salsa, 73 days
<b>Potatoes</b>		
Early	Irish Cobbler	(PVA) light brown skin
	Yukon God	(PVA) yellow flesh potato, small to medium potato, 65 days
Midseason	Kennebec	(LB, M) tan tubers, smooth creamy flesh, 80 days
	Red Pontiac	Red all-purpose potato, high yielding, 80 days
<b>Pumpkins</b>		
	Small Sugar	Pie pumpkin, deep orange, 7 lbs., 115 days
	Jack-O-Lantern	Carving or cooking, 18-24 lbs., 110 days
	Howden	(BR) deep orange, ribbed, 20-30 lbs., 115 days
	Spirit Hybrid	Short 4-5 ft. vines, carving or cooking, 10-12 lbs., 100 days
<b>Radishes</b>		
	Cherry Belle	Round, brilliant red, good keeper, 23 days

	Easter Egg	Rainbow of colors, 1 in. globes, 28-32 days
	Champion	Red globes, mild flavor, 25 days
	French Breakfast	Red tipped with white, 2 in. long, 25 days
	Burpee White	Milky-white globes, mild and crisp, 25 days
<b>Spinach</b>		
	Bloomsdale Long Standing (CMV)	good for over wintering, slow to bolt, 40-48 days
	Melody	(DM, CMV) semi-savoyed, resists bolting, 42 days
	Tyee	(DM, CMV, H) semi-savoyed, fast growing, 39 days
	Teton	(DM) slow to bolt, smooth oval leaves, 40-50 days
<b>Squash</b>		
Summer	Black Beauty	Dark green zucchini, open bush, early, productive, 45 days
	Spineless Beauty	(PM) Medium green zucchini, bears over a long period, 43 days
	Zucchini Elite	Prolific, dark green, 48 days
	Gold Rush	Yellow zucchini, small plants, 45 days
	Early Prolific Straightneck	Yellow fruits, heavy yields, 50 days
	Early Golden Crookneck	Bright yellow, bumpy skin, 53 days
Winter	Table Ace Hybrid	Black-green acorn squash, 2 ½ lb fruits, semi-bush, 70 days
	Early Butternut Hybrid	Compact vines, sweet orange flesh, 2 lbs, 95 days
	Bush Delicata	(PM) semi-bush, sweet-potato flavor, 1 ½ lbs., 100 days
<b>Tomatoes</b>		
Slicing	Better Boy	(FW, VT, GL) prolific, adaptable, flavorful, 12 oz., 75 days
	Celebrity	(FW, TMV, VT, GL) crack resistant, flavorful, 7-10 oz., 70-75 days
	Jet Star	(FW, VT) crack free, productive, 6-8 oz., 72 days
	Big Beef	(FW, GL, TMV, VT) flavorful, productive, 9-12 oz., 73 days
Paste	Big Mama Hybrid	Large 6 oz. tomatoes, few seeds, 80 days
	Roma VF	Plum-shaped, few seeds, meaty, 76 days
Cherry	Super Sweet 100	Small, sweet, 70 days
	Sweet Million	Grape-like clusters, sweet, 1 ½ in. fruit, 65-75 days
	Sun Gold	Small orange fruits, sweet tomato flavor, 65 days
<b>Watermelons</b>		
	Crimson Sweet	(A, FW) adaptable, sweet, 25 lbs., 80 days
	Charleston Gray	(A, FW) crisp red flesh, 30-35 lbs., 85 days
	Sangria	(A, FW) sweet dark red fruit, 10 ½ lbs., 87 days

#### Disease Resistance and Tolerance Abbreviation List

A	Anthraco	PM	Powdery mildew
ALS	Angular leaf spot	PRSV	Papaya ring spot
BBS	Bacterial brown spot	PVA	Potato virus A
BR	Black rot	PVY	Potato virus Y
C	Cold tolerant	R	Rust
CBMV	Common bean mosaic virus	S	Corn smut

CMV	Cucumber mosaic virus	SC	Scab
CLS	Cercospora leaf spot	SCLB	Southern corn leaf blight
CR	Crown rot	SEMP	Stem pylum
DM	Downy mildew	SW	Stewart's wilt
DT	Drought tolerant	TB	Tip burn
FW	Fusarium wilt	TLS	Target leaf spot
GL	Gray leaf spot	TMV	Tobacco mosaic virus
H	Heat tolerant	VT	Verticilium wilt
HB	Halo blight	WMV2	Watermelon mosaic virus
LB	Late blight	Y	Yellows resistant
M	Mosaic	ZYMR	Zucchini yellow mosaic
NCLB	Northern corn leaf blight		

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