

Provider Farm Seedling Sale Varieties

VEGETABLES

Alliums: Space plants 6 inches apart in rows 1 foot apart. Keep plants well watered and weed-free for best results.

Scallions Also known as bunching onions, this vegetable is incredibly easy to grow and can be harvested slowly for an extended harvest. 6 packs are a mix of purple and white varieties.

Beans: Can be planted 6 inches apart in rows 2 feet apart. Plant after the danger of frost in well-drained soil. Avoid poor germination rates in the spring by transplanting.

Bush Beans, Provider Our namesake, this is your classic green bean with large round pods. This variety grows very well in the early summer season.

Cole Crops: Transplant outdoors in the spring after danger of hard frost. Plant in fertile soil with full sun. Keep adequately watered throughout growth for best results. Plant promptly to avoid stunted growth. Space 18 inches apart in rows 2 feet apart.

Broccoli, Blue Wind and Green Magic We include a mixture of our two favorite spring varieties here. Their different maturity dates will allow for an extended harvest of this popular spring crop.

Brussels Sprouts, Diablo This crop takes a long time to mature, 100 days on average, but is well worth the wait! Brussels sprouts stalks need to be topped when ideal height is reached in order for the sprouts to form.

Cabbage, Spring Mix We've included three of our favorite spring cabbage varieties in these packs. Classic round **red cabbages** are great for slaws, salads, and braising. Crinkly-headed **savoy cabbages** are great for wraps and sautéing. Finally, our pointy-headed green cabbages are tender and delicious, perfect for stuffing, sauerkraut, and slaws!

Kale One of our favorite vegetables! We've given you a mixture of varieties here including curly green, curly red, and Lacinato, also known as Tuscan or Dinosaur kale. This mix will look excellent in your garden and on your dinner table.

Cucumbers, Summer Squash and Melons: Cucurbits like full sun and grow best in well-drained, fertile soil. Transplant after all danger of frost has passed. To plant, gently remove the plant from its pot being careful not to disturb the roots. Cucurbit transplants are especially sensitive to any root ball disturbance. Cucumbers can be planted 1 foot apart in rows that are 5-6 feet apart, while melons and squashes should be planted 2 feet apart in rows that are 6 feet apart.

Cucumber, Marketmore Your classic slicing cucumber. Grow on mounds or trellis your vines along a fence to save space.

Cucumber, Diva is an especially sweet, seedless variety. Harvest fruit when it reaches 5-7 inches. Grow on mounds or trellis your vines along a fence to save space.

Cucumber, Jackson Supreme is an excellent pickling cucumber. Not a pickle lover? Don't worry! These cucumbers are delicious fresh and make a great snack! Grow on mounds or trellis your vines along a fence to save space.

Cucumber, Patio Snacker The most compact cucumber plant perfect for pots on the patio. Yields crunchy bitter free green skinned fruits.

Cucumber, Salt and Pepper This white-skinned pickling cucumber will make an exciting addition to any garden. 3-5 inch fruits have great flavor with white skins and black spines. Grow on mounds or trellis your vines along a fence to save space.

Melon, Athena A great tasting cantaloupe! Beautiful vines will extend more than 4 feet in all directions. Fruit is ripe when it slips easily off the vine.

Melon, Crimson Sweet Medium to large sized watermelon with red-colored flesh. These melons average 10-12 pounds. Beautiful vines will extend more than 4 feet in all directions. Melons are ripe when the vine opposite

the fruit stem dies back and the fruit makes a resonate “thunk” sound when tapped.

Melon, Sunshine One of the sweetest! Medium sized striped watermelon with dazzling yellow-colored flesh. Sweet, seeded fruit averages 5-8 pounds. Beautiful vines will extend more than 4 feet in all directions. When ripe, the vine opposite the fruit stem dies back and the fruit makes a resonate “thunk” sound when tapped.

Melon, Sugar Baby A smaller, dark-green fruit with deep red flesh. Sweet fruit reaches 8-10lbs. Beautiful vines will extend more than 4 feet in all directions. When ripe, the vine opposite the fruit stem dies back and the fruit makes a resonate “thunk” sound when tapped.

Squash, Zephyr This yellow squash variety has a unique light green patch at the blossom end. These vigorous, high yielding plants will keep you flush with delicious, tender squash for weeks!

Zucchini, Dunja Dunja plants provide a high yield of straight, dark green zucchini.

Zucchini, Yellow This spineless yellow striped zucchini makes harvest painless.

Eggplant: Transplant outdoors late-May through mid-June when night temperatures are consistently above 50F. Space plants 1.5 to 2 feet apart in fertile soil amended with compost and fertilizer. Full sun. Water regularly when fruiting to prevent blossom drop.

Paloma These eggplant have perfectly smooth, white flesh. They often look almost too beautiful to eat! The skin is delicate and sweet.

Machiaw This is an Asian variety that produces long, thin, bright purple fruit. These eggplant are an excellent addition to any stir fry.

Nadia Your classic Italian eggplant. Glossy, with dark-purple to black skin.

Nubia A purple and white variegated Italian variety that is elegant in appearance and delicious in flavor.

Ground Cherries: These are a classic New England fruit! Often called cape gooseberries, plants have deep green leaves and yellow flowers that develop into small yellow fruits in a papery husk. Plant seedlings 3 feet apart in well-drain soil so that the first 1 to 2 inches of stem are buried. Ground cherries will produce up to 300 fruits per plant about 70 days from transplant until frost. Cherries often fall to the ground before ripening but can be gathered and stored in its husk. If you can refrain from gobbling them all up, try making jam or a fruit crumble.

Lettuce: This crop can be planted throughout the growing season when temperatures remain above freezing. While it is often grown in all weather, it does best when temperatures remain cool, (60-65F). Transplant in well-drained soil in full sun 6 inches apart in rows 12 inches apart.

Artisan Lettuce Mix This lettuce mix makes great small heads or can be cut loose for a colorful and elegant salad mix. Tender, crisp leaves with a sweet flavor.

Peppers: Transplant outdoors late-May through mid-June when night temperatures are consistently above 50F. Protect from late frosts. Space plants 1.5-2 feet apart in fertile soil amended with compost and fertilizer. Plant peppers deep enough to just cover the root ball in full sun.

Hot, Carolina Reaper Declared by the Guinness Book of World Records as the “hottest pepper in the world”. These small red peppers are sure to surprise even the most heat tolerant pallets.

Hot, Jalapeno Short bushy plants produce moderately spicy 4 to 5 inch chile peppers.

Hot, Poblano These plants produce large fruited mildy hot peppers. These peppers are a great addition to green stews or in a classic “mole” sauce, and are used for the classic chili rellenos.

Hot, Ghost These small peppers harness a lot of heat! Bright golden yellow peppers produce well in our short growing season.

Hot, Serrano Dark green fruits are traditionally eaten green but can also be used as chipotles if you let them ripen red.

Hot, Cayenne High yielding with long 6 inch fruit. These peppers have a sweet and spicy flavor and are great for drying.

Hot, Habanero This pepper produces a wrinkled, 2 inch orange fruit that is very hot. Common in Jamaican “jerk” sauces.

Sweet Italian, Carmen Long, horn-shaped fruit are harvested when fully red. Crisp and one of the sweetest! Our favorite sweet pepper.

Sweet Bell, Ace These plants are excellent producers yielding extra-early medium sized fruits. They perform particularly well in cold climates. Can be harvested green or allowed to ripen to red.

Sweet Bell, Flavorburst Fruit starts out lime green ripening to deep orange. Fruit are medium-sized and uniform in shape.

Sweet Bell, Islander If you're looking to impress your neighbors, try growing these vibrantly colored purple peppers! They are unique and sweet in flavor. Pick as purple peppers or they will ripen in beautiful sunset hues, turning all the way to red if left on the plant long enough.

Sweet Bell, Red Knight A classic red bell pepper that can be enjoyed at any point from green to red.

Tomatoes: Plant outdoors when night temperatures are steadily above 50F into nutrient rich soil amended with compost and fertilizer. Tomatoes should be planted so that 3 to 6 inches are underground; making the plant more stable. Space plants 1.5-2 feet apart in an area that receives full sun. Stakes or tomato cages should be used to keep plants supported.

Slicer, Big Beef Large hybrid red beefsteak tomato with excellent flavor and early harvest.

Slicer, Chef's Choice High yielding plants with medium-sized orange beefsteak tomatoes. Fruit is less acidic and sweeter than other varieties. A staff favorite!

Slicer, Cherokee Purple This heirloom tomato variety has beautiful pink and purple colored skin with rich flavor and texture.

Slicer, Striped German Dazzling, multi-colored heirloom variety. The mostly yellow fruit features a burst of pink color at its base. These fruits are large yet firm in texture if harvested at the appropriate time.

Slicer, Damsel Average sized, globe-shaped fruit with dazzling pink skin. Late blight resistance with a sweet, rich and tangy flavor!

Slicer, Pink Brandywine Large, flavorful, pink-colored heirloom fruit with red flesh. Described as, “one of the best tasting tomatoes” by Johnny's Seeds.

Slicer, Yellow Brandywine This stunning tomato features large, deep yellow fruit with leaves similar to those of a potato.

Slicer, Black Krim This heirloom Russian variety is notable for its striking, deep-brown to red fruit and its deep, smoky flavor.

Grape, Five Star Grape tomatoes have the oval shape of plum tomatoes but the small size and sweetness of cherry tomatoes. This variety has perfectly sweet flavor, a firm and meaty texture, with few seeds. Plants produce bright red, crack-resistant tomatoes.

Grape, Yellow Pear These plant produce light yellow pear-shaped fruit between 3-4 to 1 oz. Their mild flavor and small size makes them perfect for salads.

Cherry, Sungold The best tasting cherry tomato there is. These plants are highly productive becoming flush with small golden fruit. It's hard to resist eating these right off the vine!

Cherry, Red Robin A compact red cherry tomato perfect for pots and the patio.

Plum, Speckled Roman A striking red sauce tomato with electric yellow stripes. These elongated plum tomatoes make excellent paste and sauce or can be enjoyed fresh.

Plum, San Marzano This classic red paste tomato is perfect for cooking, with easy-to-peel fruit that cooks down quickly.

Tomatillo This crop is a great friend of any salsa enthusiast. Easy to grow and high yielding. Plants produce large, round fruits surrounded by husks. You'll know they're ready when they break free from their husks.

Winter Squash: Plant winter squash in well-drained, fertile soil that receives full sun after all risk of frost. A member of the cucurbit family, these seedlings are sensitive and may not thrive if their roots are damaged during planting. Gently remove seedling from its pot and plant 18-24 inches apart. Allow 3 to 4 feet on both

sides for vine growth. Winter squash is ready to harvest once stems and skin begin to harden. Clip stems about an inch from the fruit and allow to dry for 5-7 days. For best storage results, protect fruit from hard frost and avoid damaging or puncturing the skin. For long term storage, squash likes to be held at 55 degrees.

Acorn These bushy plants produce 4 inch round fruit that are perfectly sweet and delicious. They can be eaten just a few days after harvest or will store for enjoyment during cold, winter months.

Butternut Your classic fall favorite features straight necks and small seed cavities. Will store well for up to three months or more. Butternut requires a curing time of several weeks so the fruit can sweeten.

Delicata Our favorite winter squash. Sweet and quick cooking. Small striped fruit are great stuffed or roasted. Best yet, their delicate skins are edible! You can enjoy this squash right after harvest.

Honeynut A very trendy squash right now. Produces hand sized rust colored butternuts that are said to be 10x sweeter than regular butternuts.

Pie Pumpkin Classic New England pie pumpkins are the perfect edition to many fall dishes or desserts. Typically 4 to 6 pounds. Pie pumpkins require a curing time of several weeks before eating so the fruit can sweeten.

HERBS

Herbs are a relatively easy crop to grow and make a great addition to almost any meal. For individual plant spacing and growth requirements, please refer to the descriptions below.

Annuals

Basil: Everyone's favorite herb, basil is popular in many different cuisine. Basil can be grown in a pot or in the ground. Plant 6-8 inches apart in full sun and protect from temperatures below 45F in the early spring. Our basil varieties come with many different tastes and appearances.

Eleanora A traditional Italian basil with good downy mildew resistance. Downy mildew is a new disease in New England and can be very destructive.

Lime This basil has bright green leaves and has a zesty citrus aroma and flavor. Great in salads or with fish.

Red Rubin Large, dark purple leaves with great flavor.

Thai Authentic Thai basil with spicy, anise-clove flavor. Small green leaves with purple flowers and stems.

Everleaf A traditional Italian green basil that is great for container growing and leaf harvest as opposed to bunching. Slower to bolt than other varieties by up to 8 weeks.

Mix Our mixed packs contain several of the varieties listed above.

Cilantro and Dill: These herbs don't transplant well, so we recommend using these herbs straight from the pot and replenishing your supply as needed with new plants. They grow best in full sun with consistent moisture.

Parsley: Transplant into a garden or container with well-drained soil in full sun. Plant about 1 foot apart. For continuous harvest, clip outer leaves first, allowing the inner leaves to continue growing.

Parsley, Italian Flat Leaf is a classic Italian parsley variety with huge green leaves and great flavor.

Parsley, Curly is a "refined, curly leaf variety" with an upright growing habit that makes for easy harvest.

Perennials

Rosemary is a pine-scented herb that is native to the Mediterranean. It thrives in gardens or as a potted plant. Plant 12-25 inches apart in full sun. You can cut small sprigs off the plant as needed.

Sage and **Thyme** are common perennial herbs. Transplant into well-drained soil in a garden or container. Space plants 8-12 inches apart. Sun or partial shade.

English Lavender Foliage and flowers are strongly scented. Great for drying. hardy enough to overwinter in New England.

Mint is a prolific perennial. Be cautious if planting in a garden as it tends to crawl and take over space. Mint flowers will attract bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects. Plant 12-18 inches apart in sun or partial shade.

Oregano is a pretty green herb often used in Italian and Greek dishes. Be cautious if planting in a garden as it tends to crawl and take over space. Plant 12 inches apart in full sun or partial shade.

Stevia has very sweet leaves that are commonly used as an alternative to sugar. Plant 12 inches apart in sun or partial shade.

Lemongrass is an aromatic Indian grass used in flavorings and perfumes. Plant 8-12 inches apart in full sun.

Chives are in the onion family, and their upright green shoots are perfect for clipping to add to almost any dish. Plant 2-8 inches apart in full sun or partial shade.

FLOWERS

Annuals

Nasturtiums are not only beautiful, but edible as well. Their blossoms and leaves look marvelous on a fresh green salad. The *Jewel Mix* contains a mix of yellow, orange, and red blooms, while the *Empress of India* is an heirloom variety featuring deep red-orange flowers and dark leaves. Plant 8 to 12 inches apart.

Sunflowers We've put together a stunning mixture of single stem varieties to brighten up your garden space. Flowers can grow up to 72 inches tall, so be careful not to shade out other crops in your garden. Plant 12 to 24 inches apart.

Zinnia, Benary's Giant is a mixture of colorful dahlia like flowers that yield long, sturdy stems. This crop will hold up well in summer heat and rain.

Marigolds, Giant These large yellow and orange frilled flowers grow erect on plants that can grow to 36". Some say interplanting them in the garden discourages pests, these beauties will definitely brighten your day. Great for cut flowers.

Marigolds, Durango Outback Mix These shorter blooms, which grow to about 1 foot in height, are perfect for containers or the garden. Flowers come in a mix of yellow, orange, red, and variegated.

Marigolds, Queen Sophia These shorter blooms, which grow to about 1 foot in height, are perfect for containers or the garden. Flower petals are dark orange with yellow edges, creating a striking bloom.

Marigolds, Vanilla These make bushy plants growing to about 16 inches high and 10 inches wide, great for containers or the garden. Their beautiful white flowers are striking when mixed with traditional marigolds or any bright flowers.

Viola Also known as *Pansies*, these cheerful early-spring flowers are even edible! The *Penny All-Season* mix comes in yellow, orange, and violet, and grows to a height of 4-6 inches. The *Majestic Giants* mix has extra-large blooms, in solid deep purple or purple centers with white or yellow edges. They grow to a height of 6-8 inches. Plant violas 6-9 inches apart in sun or part shade. They can be transplanted out in the spring when a light frost is still possible.

Petunia, Loopytunia mix These fluffy, ruffled flowers come in a stunning mix of white, pink and purple, all with deep-purple centers. They are great for containers, hanging baskets, and straight into the garden. Plant petunias about 1 foot apart in full sun after the last frost.

Snapdragons, Rocket Mix This spiky flower mix comes in white, pink, purple and red and grows to 24-36 inches tall. They tolerate light frost and grow well in the garden for cut flowers. Plant 4-12 inches apart in full sun or partial shade.

Celosia, Chief Mix These vibrantly colored blooms grow to 36-40 inches tall and make beautiful cut flowers. This mix contains gold, pink, orange and red blooms. Celosia also makes a beautiful dried flower bouquet. Plant 6-12 inches apart in full sun.

Cosmos, Sensation Mix These cheerful flowers grow tall, reaching 48-54 inches. This mix contains white, pink, and red flowers and is great as cut flowers. Plant 9-12 inches apart in full sun.

Alyssum, Wonderland Mix These short, small flowers grow well in containers or as a border in the garden. This mix produces white, lavender, and purple flowers and prefers partial shade. Plant 1 foot apart.

Coleus, Multicolor Rainbow Mix This brightly colored, leafy plant is a great addition to any cut flowers and looks great in the garden too. This mix includes reds, yellows, pinks and greens. Plant 12 inches apart in partial sun.

Grass, Purple Majesty This cattail-like, deep purple ornamental grass is a striking addition to any garden. Plant 12 inches apart in full sun.

Perennials

Monarda Commonly known as *Bee Balm*, these pink and purple spiky flowers are a great addition to any garden and are popular with pollinators. They grow between 36 and 44 inches tall, and should be planted 12-18 inches apart in sun or partial shade. Great for cut flowers.

Yarrow This long-lasting perennial mix produces flowers in pink, purple, red, yellow, white and orange. With a long vase life, they are great for cut flowers. They grow between 28-30 inches tall and should be planted 12-24 inches apart in full sun.

Rudbeckia Also known as *Black Eyed Susans*, these bright yellow flowers make great cut flowers. The *Indian Summer* variety grows 36-42 inches tall with its classic brown center and yellow petals. The *Prairie Sun* variety is uniquely colored, with a yellow center and petals that start orange and turn yellow as they go out. These are shorter, growing 28-32 inches tall. Full sun.

Echinacea These pretty, moderately tall flowers are great for the garden and are known to attract beneficial insects. The *purpurea* variety, also known as common purple coneflower, has pretty lilac petals with an orange-brown center and grows to 24-36 inches. *Cheyenne Spirit* produces flowers in a stunning mix of colors, from lilac to yellow, orange and red. These plants branch to produce multiple flowers per plant, and grow to about 18-36 inches tall. Plant Echinacea 18-24 inches apart in full sun.

Shasta Daisy Large show white daisies with yellow centers. Blooms in first year from early summer to fall.