

Seed Sale

Mount Holly After-School Fundraiser

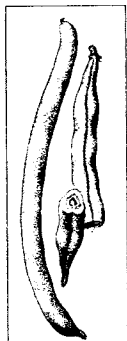


30 Easy-to-Grow Varieties

All the seeds can be sown outside. Hardier varieties may be sown April-May, tender varieties in June. Seeds are supplied by Fedco Seeds, a Maine-based consumer-worker cooperative (www.fedcoseeds.com; PO Box 520, Waterville, ME 04903). All seeds are untreated and have been tested for germination. Fedco Seeds does not knowingly distribute genetically modified seed. Days to maturity or first bloom appear in parentheses. OG means organically grown seed; OP means open-pollinated.

Provider Bush Green Bean (50 days) OP. Nothing provides like Provider. Early high yields, even under adverse conditions. Concentrated sets of round 5" pods. Rich beany taste. Pick regularly to encourage longer production but stay out of the patch when wet. Tender, will not survive frost. Sow 3-4 seeds per ft. in rows 24-30" apart. Beans need only average soil. 2 oz. packet sows 25 ft.

Golden Rocky Wax Beans OG (54 days)
Heirloom from France, noteworthy for its slender juicy pods, light not beany. Germinates well even in wet conditions. Stands out as vigorous and consistent when others falter due to excessive rainfall and cool conditions. 2oz. sows 25 ft.



Green Arrow Peas (65 days)
Consistently heavy yielder sets the standard for midseason varieties. Long pods set in pairs at the top for easy picking. Does well in wet weather. The variety preferred by commercial growers. 2oz. sows 25 ft.

National Pickling Cucumber (52 days) OP. Firm black-spined dark green fruits are usually quite sweet, rarely bitter. Suitable for making small pickles, dills or eating out of hand. Best picked at 4-5". Sow 2" apart in rows 3' apart or 6 per mound in hills 4' apart thinning to 3 best plants per hill. Work compost or well-rotted manure into rows or hills. Need rich soil. Very tender, will not survive frost. Pick often for best production. 1/8 oz. sows 20 ft.

Marketmore 76 Slicing Cucumber (63 days)

OP. Cornell University's famous slicing cucumber, the market standard the past 30 years.



For salads and fresh eating. Harvest at 7-8". Vigorous vines will crawl, productive for a long time if kept picked. Same culture as #1226 above. 1/8 oz. sows 20 ft.

Black Zucchini (50 days) OP. Dark green (not black) fruits with superior flavor. Pick frequently for long production. Best harvested while still thin at 6-7". Squash blossoms are also edible. Tender, will not survive frost. Sow in hills 4' apart, 5 seeds per hill. Thin to 2-3 best plants. Work compost or well-rotted manure into the hills for higher yields. 1/8 oz. sows 4-6 hills.

New England Pie Pumpkin (102 days) OP. Also known as Small Sugar Pumpkin, New Englanders' choice for pumpkin pies for generations. Round fruits average 4 lb. in good soil. Vigorous vines will crawl plenty. Benefits from compost or well-rotted manure. Sow 4-5 per hill, thin to the 3 best plants, allow 5-6' between hills. Tender, plants will not survive frost, fruits can take light frost. Pick at full orange color and allow to sun cure for 10 days. Will store several months and continue ripening. 1/4 oz. sows 5-10 hills.

Scarlet Nantes Carrot (68 days) OP. Classic Nantes shape, cylindrical with blunt tip. Bright orange roots average 6-7", sweet with a small dark core. Work soil till loose and friable, incorporating compost. Likes good deep garden soil. Do not use fresh manure. Sow any time from late April through July, can tolerate frost. Can take up to 3 weeks to come up, keep rows moist for quicker emergence. Must thin to 1-2" apart for nice long roots, so try not to sow too thickly. 5 g. sows 45 ft.



Early Wonder Beet (48 days) OP. Early and quick-growing with good emergence in cold soil. Attractive purple tops make great early greens. Good for bunching beets. Work compost or leaf mold into soil and create a friable seedbed. Hardy, can take hard frost. Sow any time from April through summer. Sow 2" apart in rows 18"

apart. 5. sows 30 ft.

Green King Broccoli (85 days)

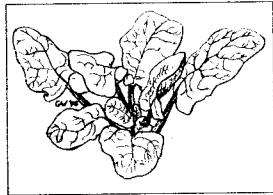
F1 hybrid. Exceptional tenderness made it the best tasting of 23 varieties trialed. Consistent yield of 8" heads. Side shoots large but not plentiful. Green King stands heat well. .5 g. sows 10-15 ft.

Early Jersey Wakefield (63 days) OP

This wonderful early cabbage originated in England in the early 1800's. Compact medium size heads 2-3 lbs. are distinctively --- and that coupled with sparse outside foliage allows for closer spacing. Can also be grown as a fall cabbage. 2 g. sows 30 ft.

Space Spinach (37 days)

F-1 hybrid. Will win the space race every time. Fedco's most popular spinach produces big thick wavy mostly smooth leaves with slight ruffles, easy to clean. Very hardy. Sow as soon as the garden can be worked in the spring or wait till late summer for a fall crop. Bolts quickly in midsummer. Packet sows 30' 1" apart in rows 18" apart. Likes rich garden soil; benefits from using well-rotted manure. ¼ oz. sows 30-50 ft.



Black Seeded Simpson (45 days) OG

The earliest and most popular loose leaf lettuce variety. Large loose crumpled leaves. This heirloom variety can be sewn as soon as the ground can be worked. Does not stand heat well. 3 g. sows 60 ft.

Buttercrunch Lettuce (50 days) OP.

Bibb or Butterhead type also developed at Cornell University. Dark-green outer leaves with creamy center heart. Smooth and soothing with a green refreshing flavor. Can stand some heat. Fedco's best-selling lettuce. Culture same as #2728. 3 g. sows 60 ft.

Red Sails Lettuce OG (49 days)

1985 All American Winner. An attractive large plant with purplish-red splashed leaves. 10-16" rosettes are slow to bolt or become bitter even with heat. 3g. sows 60 ft.

Mesclun Mix (30-50 days) OP.

For superb salads. Two packets in this mix, one a mixture of different types, colors

and shapes of lettuce, the other a mix of tangy greens, including mustards, Asian greens such as



Mizuna and Tatsoi, endive, arugula and chervil. The concept comes from Provence in France. Plant each packet in adjoining beds or rows. Harvest by cutting young leaves with scissors. In good weather mesclun will regenerate after cutting, but you can make succession plantings if it gets tired. These greens tolerate light frosts. 1 g. sows 20 ft.

Ruby Red Rhubarb Chard (59 days)

Deep crimson stalks, dark green leaves. Beautiful for edible landscapes. A hardy European heirloom variety, can withstand some frosts. 1/8 oz. sows 10-25 ft.

Winterbor Kale (60 days)

F1-hybrid Winterbor is a vigorous grower showing great cold hardiness and a rich blue green color. Curled leaves highly ruffled with a food mild flavor. .5 g. sows 15-20 ft.

Genovese Basil (70 days) OP.

Beloved aromatic herb grows 24-30". Excellent for flavoring vegetables and fish and a great variety for making pesto or for drying. Basil is absolutely intolerant of frost and should never be planted until cold weather is past. The leaves can



be blackened even by temperatures in the 30s. Topping the plants at about

10" will induce branching and increase the total harvest.

Harvest before the plants flower for greater aroma and potency. Can also be kept indoors as a container plant. 1 g. equaling approx. 600 seeds.

Cilantro OG (50-55 days) OP.

The foliage is called cilantro, the seeds known as coriander. Easy to grow on average soil, and a rapid grower to 2'. This strain is slow bolting, but all cilantro bolts quickly in summer and should be harvested before it goes to flower. Sow August 1 for fall crop when it will stand much longer. Has gained rapidly in popularity in last

20 years, especially for Asian and Mexican dishes. 1.5 g. equaling approx. 90 seeds.

Dill Bouquet (55 days)

This variety's sweet leaves are born on tall ferny plants. Best to harvest before seed heads mature. 2g. equaling approx. 1,000 seeds.

Early Summer Crookneck OG (58 days)

Open pollinated. Deep yellow warted fruits with narrow curved necks. Best when picked young. Dates to 1700 and a standard in early 19th century seed catalogs. 1/8 oz. equals 4-6 hills.

Bachelor's Button Mix (about 90 days) OP.

Mix of blue, pink, red and white showy flowers with blue predominating. Can be sown in May as they can



take moderate frost. Will persist through first frosts in fall. Packet sows 15' at 1" apart. Thin to 2". Grow 3' tall. Can make succession plantings for longer blooms. Cut when blossoms are just

beginning to open; will last 6-10 days in vase. 1.5 grams equaling approx. 300 seeds.

Pacific Beauty Calendula (60 days) OP.

Also known as Pot Marigold. Beautiful orange and yellow semi-double flowers good for informal bouquets, also edible. Used in homeopathic remedies and ointments for their soothing qualities. Easy to grow and loves cool weather. Can be sown relatively early in spring, and will survive first fall frosts for very long bloom time. Don't overcrowd, and deadhead old blooms to keep those blossoms coming. Will reseed the following year. Plant 1" apart for 25' row, but thin to 4-6 inches. 2 grams equaling approx. 300 seeds.

Sensation Mix Cosmos (about 70 days) OP

Sun-loving, free-flowering all summer in a mix of colors, pinks and magentas predominating. Daisy-style flowers bloom amidst lacy cut foliage. Vigorous growers to 4-5'. Sow after danger of frost is past. Packet will plant 20'. Thin to 9-12" apart. Harvest for cutflowers



when petals on first flower are just opening. Will

last 4-6 days in vase. Old blooms don't last. Can take mild frosts in the fall. Fedco's second most popular flower, the standard cosmos variety since 1930. 2 grams equaling approx. 280 seeds.

Clarke's Heavenly Blue Morning Glory (about 115 days)

Rampant vines climb 12', require support, love sun. Intense blue trumpet-shaped flowers lighten towards center, highly decorative.



Require only average soil. Rich soil produces excess foliage and few blooms. Nick seeds or soak them overnight to speed germination. Sow outdoors after danger of frost; prefer warm soil. 2 g. equaling approx. 50 seeds.

Jewel Mix Nasturtium (55-65 days)

Its name is from the Latin for "twisted nose." Both ornamental and edible, the gold, yellow, orange and red blossoms lend a peppery-sweet taste to salads. Easy to grow, needing only average soil. Grows excessive foliage and few blooms in too-rich soil. Does not tolerate frost. Likes full sun but blossom production slows in hot weather. Bushy variety holds blooms above the foliage. Grows to 16" tall. 4 g. equaling approx. 24 seeds.

Autumn Beauty Mix Sunflower OG (90-110 days) OP.

A multibranching beauty with a mixture of earthen tones, petals ranging from bright yellow to bronze to purples. Most have a characteristic red ring enclosing a black center. Blossoms 4-8" across, terrific as the center of giant flower arrangements. Love very rich soil and full sun. Will grow 5' tall. Plant around the time of last frost. Give each plant at least 1' and irrigate in dry weather. Harvest for cutflowers when the flowers are almost completely open. Autumn Beauty is Fedco's most popular sunflower variety. 1 g. equaling approx. 45 seeds.

Lemon Gem Marigold (65 days)

The gems or signet marigolds date back to 1798. They bloom prolifically with edible 3/4" single blooms on a compact 10-12" plant. Doesn't require dead heading but benefits from a light shearing in hot weather. Ferny foliage and lemony fragrance add to this delightful plant. 1 gram equally approx. 1,000 seeds.

State Fair Mix Zinnia (about 90 days)
Lighthearted & showy, great for cutting, terrific in bouquets. An old-fashioned variety bearing single and double flowers 3-4" across. 30" plants. Bold, saturated colors include red, magenta, purple, orange, lavender and pink. Start indoors for 4 weeks in warm soil and transplant out 1' apart after danger of frost in full sun, or direct seed when soil warms up. Easy to grow; likes fertile soil. Intolerant of frost. 1 g. equaling approx. 80 seeds.

Seeds will be distributed between
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