

# **Vegetable, Herb, & Flower Plants 2023**

**Historic Cherry Mill Farm**

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*In north Fort Collins, 1 mile north of the "Y", at the northeast corner of Gregory Rd.  
and the Terry Lake Rd (HWY 1).*

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*Featuring 10 varieties of herbs, 11 varieties of peppers and 23 varieties of tomatoes. Shop early for best selections—most varieties in limited supply.  
Other items not listed may also be available.*

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**Days** are approximate **days to maturity from transplant date**.

Plants are **open-pollinated** unless denoted as a **hybrid** with (**F1**)

**NEW** = variety new to me this year (descriptions from catalogs).

Plants will be available in individual **2½" pots only** unless noted otherwise.

Plant starts will be available from approximately **April 22** for Brassicas,  
lettuce, onions; and **May 20-June 10** for everything else.

Seed sources: (**F**)=Fedco Seeds (**NE**)= neseeds; (**TT**) Totally Tomatoes.

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## **ONIONS**

*Get them in early! Onions should be ready mid-April*

- Ailsa Craig (large, mild)
- Patterson (yellow, storage)
- Red Weathersfield (storage)
- Red Bull (storage)

## **BRASSICAS**

*Available ~ April 22. Likely unavailable past ~May 8.*

**BROCCOLI, Green Magic (F1) 90 days.** A promising hybrid w/ heat tolerance and decent side-shoot production. Compact plants.

**BROCCOLI, Solstice 71 days.** Early and reliable with good side shoot production.

**CAULIFLOWER, Charming Snow (F1) 60 days (F) NEW** An early cauliflower; its short white stems bear compact 1–2 lb uniform round firm white tight heads with fine beads.

## **COLLARD, Vates**

**KALE, Dwarf Blue Curled Scotch** (Vates) 56 days. "Dense frilly finely curled blue-green leaves on compact 16" plants...resists cold and heat. Hardy and productive."

**KALE, Nero di Toscana (Lacinato)** 62 days. Foot-and-a half tall 'palm trees' of very dark green wrinkled 'strap-like' leaves. Old variety. Delicious and nutritious.

**KALE, Winterbor (F1)** 60 days. Cold-hardy and productive w/blue-green ruffled leaves.

## **LETTUCE**

*Available in 6-packs only. Likely unavailable past ~May 7*

- Buterhead: Buttercrunch
- Romaine: Jericho
- Batavian: Anuenue
- Iceberg: Crispino

## **CELERY**

**VENTURA** 80 days. (F) A standard variety. Easy to grow when well-fed and -watered.

## **FENNEL**

**ZEFA FINO** 65 days Bulbing fennel grows over 4' tall with edible stems, leaves and flowers, which make a wonderful pesto. Will self sow. Flowers attract pollinators. Seeds are a great addition to Italian or Indian cuisine. From hand collected seed from our garden.

## **HERBS**

**BASIL, GENOVESE** 70 days. **The** connoisseur's basil for a classic pesto. Available in 2½" pots and in 6-packs.

**CATNIP** Grows to 3' tall and wide. Lavender blooms in late summer are a favorite of honeybees & other pollinators. Tolerates poor soil and drought. Calms mild stomach disorders, produces restful sleep and relieves fever when added to teas; and a top-notch mosquito repellent. Hardy perennial.

**GARLIC CHIVES** Like chives, but with a garlicky flavor. Perennial.

**MARJORAM, Sweet** A delicately flavored relative of oregano. Use fresh or dried. Tender perennial.

**OREGANO, Greek** The classic Greek oregano. Hardy perennial.

**PARSLEY, Giant Italian** Flat-leaved heirloom from Italy. Hardy biennial.

**PARSLEY, Curled** Hardy biennial.

**ROSEMARY** Tender perennial propagated from cuttings from our own "mother" plants.

**SAGE, Broadleaf** The culinary kind; a great addition to poultry stuffing, flavor-rubs for grilled meats, and more. Hardy perennial.

**THYME, German** An under-rated culinary herb. Use fresh or dried. Low-growing hardy perennial. Great for mini herbal bonsai too!

### **EGGPLANT (Asian)**

**SWALLOW (F1) 51 days.** Early, black-skinned elongated Asian type; performs well.

**PINGTUNG (F1) 58 days.** Reliable, pale purple elongated Asian type, up to 11".

### **PEPPERS, SWEET**

**PIMENTO 80 days (F).** Reliable pimiento type, meaty, sweet and prolific.

### **PEPPERS, MEDIUM-HOT**

**ANAHEIM 78 days (F)** One of the classic chili peppers for making rellenos. Reliable set of 1.5" x 7" fruits, moderately picante: ~1000-1500 Scovilles.

**ANCHO, Trident (F1) 64-80 days (F)** Vigorous, prolific disease resistant hybrid. Dark green flesh, thin skin, broad. 1500 Scovilles.

### **PEPPERS, HOT**

**ALEPOO 80 days. (TT) NEW** Attractive, thin-walled fruits grow 4 - 6" long, mostly 3-lobed and ripen from green to rich red to burgundy. Moderately hot with a nice smoky flavor. Fruits can also be enjoyed fresh - flavor is sweet with a kick of heat. Grown in Aleppo, Syria for centuries where it was traditionally used for drying and crushing into pepper flakes or powder. Very productive plants can grow 3 to 4 ft. tall. 10,000 Scovilles. *Extremely limited supply.*

**CAROLINA REAPER 90 days (TT). NEW** Officially *the hottest pepper in the world* as ranked by Guinness Records - Scoville units typically average a whopping 1.5 million! Devilish looking fruits, 1-1/2" wide by 2" long, are fiery red with a unique little stinger tail. Has a surprisingly good flavor once you get past the heat -- if you dare! This scorcher was bred in Rock Hill, S.C. USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN HANDLING! *Extremely limited supply.*

**HABANERO (Mayan) 90 days. (TT) NEW** Not having a typical Habanero appearance, but you'll definitely taste the heat! Fruits are very attractive and have the same fruity/hot combination, but with slightly lower Scoville

ratings than their red Habanero cousins. Plants are tall, 36" uniform, high yielding and provide good cover for fruits. Performs well in cooler climates. 200,000 Scovilles

**HUNGARIAN HOT WAX 68 days** Early and prolific, hot as a jalapeno, but larger; yellow ripening red. 6000 Scovilles.

**JALAPENO M 73 days** (F) 2' tall plants. 4800 Scovilles.

**JALAPENO (Early) 66 days** (F & NE). The classic hot pepper, this early variety does well in our relatively cool climate. Good yields on stocky 2' tall plants. ~4000 Scovilles.

**SERRANO (Hidalgo) 85 days** Prolific, reliable and hot. 10,000 Scovilles.

**THAI HOT 82 days.** Small bushy plant yielding hundreds of  $\frac{3}{4}$  - 1"-long very hot peppers. Good for drying. Good as container plant. 30,000+ Scovilles.

## TOMATILLO

**GRANDE RIO VERDE 85 days (NE) NEW** Reportedly the largest tomatillo you can grow. It has excellent flavor and is good in salsa. The fruit are apple-green and weigh 3-4 oz. ***Two plants are required for pollination.***

## TOMATOES

All tomatoes are **indeterminate** unless noted as **determinate** ("Det.")  
All are open pollinated unless designated as hybrid with "(F1)".

***Only a VERY FEW*** plants will be available for ***varieties printed in ITALICS***

### **TOMATOES, 'SLICERS'**

**BIG BEEF PLUS (F1) 73 days (NE) NEW** Exhibits real old-time flavor, colossal fruit size, greater disease resistance and improved quality. Bears an abundance of large, high quality, smooth fruit. Loaded with taste and excellent disease resistance. Green shouldered and slightly oval. Resistant to V, FW Race 1 and 2, ASC, ST, N (Root Knot) and TMV. 73 days.

**BETTER BOY (F1) 75 days (NE) NEW** Features widely adapted, all purpose fruit on high yielding plants. Fruits are large and bright red. Good foliage protection from sunscald. Tolerant to V, FW, N (Root Knot).

**BIG BOY (Burpee's) (F1) 78 days (NE) NEW** An old-time favorite with scarlet red fruits that feature thick walls and meaty flesh. A heavy producer with heavy foliage. Smooth skinned, firm and very tasty. 78 days. *Extremely limited supply.*

**CHEROKEE PURPLE 77 days. (F)** Very delicious heirloom; 10-12 oz flattened globes purple skinned, with brick-red flesh.

**EARLY GIRL (F1)** 52 days (NE) **NEW** Very early slicing tomato with a rich red color and globe shape. Prolific and bears throughout the summer. Fruits are disease resistant. Stake or cage to save space. Resistant/tolerant to V and FW Races 1 & 2. Extremely limited supply

**GLACIER** Det. 56 days (F) Very early. Yellow shouldered, 1-2" globes. Originally from Sweden, 1985. Potato-leaf foliage.

**GOLIATH (Maestro) (F1)** 78 days (TT) **NEW** This large-fruited wonder has all the qualities of a fine heirloom variety--big fruits that are 13 oz. or more, and a pleasing combination of sweetness, flavor and very smooth texture. Fruits are oblate, a little bit flattened, with slightly rough shoulders. Plenty of vigor over a long harvest. *Extremely limited supply.*

**LUCI (F1)** 73 days (F) **NEW** Recognized for its earliness, uniformity, high yields and disease resistance. Red fruits are flavorful, mild, juicy, a little mealy, rarely crack, never have green shoulders. Beautiful sturdy vigorous healthy plants show good leaf cover.

**MOUNTAIN PRIDE (F1)** Det. 70-77 days (NE) A deep red, crack resistant tomato with firm flavorful flesh. The vigorous plants have good yields of red 6oz. fruits. It is a standard variety in mountainous regions of the South, developed at NC State. Good home garden and farm market variety. Resistant to V and FW Races 1 & 2.

**MOUNTAIN SPRING (F1)** Det. 80 days (NE) **NEW** Features a flattened globe to deep oblate in shape. Released in 1991, developed by Dr. Randy Gardner at the NC State Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station.

**OREGON SPRING** Det. 58 days. (F) **NEW** Bred to be set out in cool spring temps. When most other varieties fail to ripen in time, Oregon Spring matures good-sized fruit early, performing best during cool summers. Develops more cosmetic defects in the heat and humidity. Bears succulent almost seedless red fruits, up to 4". Bred and developed from Russian parents by Dr. Jim Baggett of OSU, 1984. Parthenocarpic. Resistant to V.

**PARKS WHOPPER (F1)** 65 days (TT) **NEW** Earlier and tastier than the original Whopper, with big red, 4" fruits that feature improved disease & crack-resistance, and a more uniform fruit size. A popular choice for fresh market & home garden. Vigorous, stocky plants. *Extremely limited supply.*

**SUNNY BOY (F1)** Det. 70 days. (NE & TT) **NEW** yellow tomato features fruits that are globe shaped and ships well. Nice, bright tomato flavor and few seeds. Sunny Boy is productive in many different climates. Resistances: V, FW, N. *Extremely limited supply.*

**SUPERSONIC (F1) 75 Days (TT) NEW** Big red, mid-season fruits with great flavor, size and quality! Firm, meaty, very large, 12 oz. fruits are slightly oblate in shape and are smooth, with excellent resistance to cracking. Sturdy plants are vigorous and disease resistant. VF resistant. *Extremely limited supply.*

**TOMATOES, PASTE** (Meatier and less juicy than 'slicers'; good for sauce & salsa.)

**BELLSTAR Det. 74 days (F)** Bears red 4 oz round paste tomatoes much larger than most others of this type. Compact plants. Delicious flavor is also good in salads. Ripening is spread over a long season. Bred at Smithfield Experiment Farm in Ontario and introduced in 1981.

**GRANDMA MARY'S 68 days (F)** An heirloom with meaty 6–10 oz fruits that are very early for their size; produces fruit even during cold summers.

**MARINARA (F1) Det. (NE) NEW** A very productive and vigorous on a compact plant. Produces 4 oz. fruit and has an excellent disease package with wonderful flavor. V, FW1 & 2, ToMV, N, TYLC, TSWV tolerances.

**MOCHOMO (F1) 85 days (NE) NEW** Produces high yields of 5 to 6 oz dark red Roma tomatoes. They have thick walls, are meaty and flavorful. Perfect for salsa, sauces, and canning. The plant has good foliage protecting tomatoes from sun-scald. It does extremely well in the S & SW US. The strong compact plant can be cultivated in the greenhouse and is also suitable for open field production. An excellent choice for home gardens, greenhouses, market growers, and open field production. Disease Resistant: V, FW3, TMV, TSWV, TYLCV. *Extremely limited supply.*

**RED HEAD (F1) Det. 70 days (NE) NEW** A large and blocky, plum shaped saladette tomato for the fresh market. Red Head F1 has a compact habit; Intermediate resistance to V, FW 1 and 2, N, ToMV, ST and BS.

**RIO GRANDE 80 days (NE)**. *NEW* A blocky Italian plum tomato that is a good slicing tomato but really shines when cooked. The plants are very adaptable to temperature extremes. Excellent variety for home gardeners and market growers. Resistant to V and FW Race 1 and 2.

**ROMA Det. 76 days (NE)** The classic Italian sauce tomato; 2-3 oz. fruits.

**SAN MARZANO 2 80 days (NE)** Features fruit that is blocky and firm with a deep red color and full-bodied flavor. The plants are high-yielding and the fruit is very uniform. Good variety for home gardeners, farm markets and processing. Tolerant to V and FW.

## **TOMATOES, CHERRY**

**SUNGOLD (F1) 57 days.** (F) A long-time favorite. Incredibly sweet, early and prolific;  $\frac{3}{4}$ " golden globes.

### **Disease codes:**

BS	Bacterial speck	ToMV	Tomato mosaic
FW	Fusarium wilt (races 1,2,3)	TSWV	Tomato spotted wilt
N	Nematodes	TYLC	Tomato yellow leaf curl
ST	Stemphylium/Grey Leaf Spot	V	Verticillium wilt

## **FLOWERS**

*Flower availability is not guaranteed; propagation of some of these can be difficult. Here is partial list of ones we plan to grow, and will likely have extras of many of these available for sale in either 6-packs or 4-packs*

calendula	daisy, gloriosa	phacelia
cleome	forget-me-not	scabiosa
columbine, european	gaillardia	strawflower
coneflower, black	lupine	yarrow
coneflower, purple	marigold	zinnia
cosmos	morning glory	
dahlia	nemophila	

## **PRICES**

*(Sorry folks, our prices are going up this year)*

**2½" POTS: \$3.50 each or: 3 for \$10.00; 20 for \$50.00; 50 for \$100.00**

**Basil & lettuce 6 packs and flower 4-packs: \$5.00 per pack**

**Onions: 15 for \$1.00**

***Discounts available*** for students, veterans, & those with low incomes.

We accept **CASH, CHECK or VENMO**. Currently, ***we do not accept credit cards.***

**VENMO: @BT-Huntley**

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## **READINESS DATES / FARM HOURS**

*Though the weather at the time will influence plant readiness, I plan to have crops cold- and light-hardened and ready for pick up by April 29 for brassicas, onions, lettuce and some herbs, and by May 27 for everything else.*

*On-farm sales will begin approx. April 22<sup>nd</sup> for brassicas, onions, lettuce, and early herbs, and May 20<sup>th</sup> for everything else. Waiting until past May 7 to pick up brassicas, lettuce, or onions is highly discouraged.*

*Ideal pick-up dates are near weekend of April 29 for brassicas, onions, lettuce and early herbs; and Saturday May 27<sup>st</sup> for everything else.*

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Folks wanting to **VISIT THE FARM** to browse the selection may do so **8 AM- 5 PM**, seven days a week beginning April 22. Feel free to explore walking our kid-friendly *labyrinth*.

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I have been growing vegetables on the Front Range for 4 decades. In the late 1980s -1991, I co-owned and -operated Bellwether Farms and Inch-By-Inch Vegetables, one of the first certified organic farms in Fort Collins. Recently retired from a 17-year career as an ecologist at the NRCC, I now work tending soil together with my partner BT Huntley. We are fortunate to be the latest stewards of the Historic Cherry Mill in north Fort Collins. We strive to provide varieties that yield well, taste good, and do well in our climate. I start plants for growing in our garden and offer extras for sale to the public. --Drew

Feel free to contact us if you would like us to custom-grow something for you, or if you want to sell starts as a fundraiser for your school or non-profit organization.

*Eating food is an ultimate act of communion with our Mother Earth. Growing one's own food can be a sacred act that strengthens that connection.*