

Vegetable, Herb, & Flower Plants 2025

Historic Cherry Mill Farm

200 Gregory Road, Fort Collins 80524

*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 15 varieties of herbs, 7 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.

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

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

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

Plant starts will be available from approximately April 25 for Brassicas and leeks; and **May 17-June 1** for everything else.

Seed sources: **(F)**=Fedco Seeds **(NE)**= neseeds **(L)** Livingston

LEEKS

KING RICHARD Extra tall. Does well in our climate. **(F)**

BRASSICAS

Available April 25 They will not hold well past mid-May. Get 'em in early!

BROCCOLI, DiCicco 50 days Early maturing Italian heirloom. Good flavor; good side shoot production.

BROCCOLI, Solstice 71 days. Reliable with good side shoot production. **(F)**

BROCCOLI, Waltham 29 74 days. Classic heirloom with dark blue-green heads and good side-shoot production

COLLARD, Vates 78 days. Smooth green leaves on upright slow bolting plants. Very durable and widely adaptable with heavy yields. **(F)**

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. 1.5' tall 'palm trees' of very dark green wrinkled 'strap-like' leaves. Old variety. Delicious and nutritious. (F)

KALE, Dwarf Siberian 50 days. Hardy and productive Russian variety producing slightly frilled leaves on 16-inch plants. (L)

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

ANISE HYSSOP (*Agastache foeniculum*) Not a true hyssop; an excellent N.A.-native pollinator attractor with nectar-laden purple flowers. Self-sowing perennial member of mint family with numerous medicinal uses. (F)

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

BASIL, Tulsi (AKA Holy basil) A superior strain native to India. Reminiscent in flavor to Thai basil, it's not only a great culinary herb, but is known for its medicinal uses as well, making a wonderfully flavored and healthful tea. (F)

BASIL, Thai The quintessential spicy licoricey basil flavor used in Thai cuisine. (F)

BERGAMOT (*Monarda fistulosa*) (AKA Bee Balm). Another great native pollinator attractor from the mint family. Lavender colored flowers. Medicinal. Perennial. (F)

BORAGE (*Borago officinalis*) (AKA Starflower) Self sowing annual native to the Mediterranean with pretty blue flowers and having a number of culinary and medicinal uses. (F)

CATNIP (*Nepeta cataria*) Grows to 3' tall and wide. Lavender blooms in late summer are a favorite of honeybees & other pollinators. Tolerates poor soil and drought. Many medicinal uses. Hardy perennial. (F)

LEMONGRASS Perennial if potted and brought inside during the winter. (F)

OREGANO, Greek The classic Greek oregano. Hardy perennial. (F)

PARSLEY, Giant Italian Flat-leaved heirloom from Italy. Hardy biennial. (F)

SAGE, Broadleaf (*Salvia officinalis*) The culinary kind; a great addition to poultry stuffing, flavor-rubs for grilled meats, and more. Perennial. (L)

THYME, German (*Thymus vulgaris*) An under-rated and highly recommended culinary herb. Use fresh or dried. Low-growing hardy perennial.

YARROW (*Achillea millefolium*) 3' tall perennial with small whitish flowers, fern-like leaves, and a pungent odor. Once established can be kept mowed short, becoming a mat-like groundcover

EGGPLANT (Asian)

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

PEPPERS, SWEET

PIMIENTO 80 days. Reliable pimiento type, meaty, sweet & prolific. (F&NE)

PIMIENTO, Amish 85 days. A very sweet pimiento, new to me thus year. (F)

PAPRIKA, FEHER OZON 90 days. Amazingly sweet, meaty paprika. Use fresh or dried. (F)

PEPPERS, MEDIUM-HOT

ANAHEIM 78 days. One of the classic chili peppers for making rellenos. Reliable set of 1.5 x 7" fruits, moderately picante: ~1200 Scovilles. (F)

PEPPERS, HOT

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

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

THAI HOT 82 days. Small bushy plant yielding hundreds of ¾ - 1"-long very hot peppers. Good for drying & as a container plant. 30,000+ Scovilles. (F)

TOMATILLO

PURPLE BLUSH 68 days. A prolific and reliable tomatillo, perfect for salsa verde. ***Two plants are required for pollination*** (F)

TOMATOES

All tomatoes are **indeterminate** unless noted as **determinate** ("Det.")

All are open pollinated unless designated as hybrid with **"(F1)"**.

TOMATOES, 'SLICERS'

BLACK KRIM 80 days. My first time growing this popular purple Russian heirloom. "Meaty, juicy, and smoky" 14oz. fruits. (F)

BRANDYWINE, Pink 82 days. An “extra-select strain of 1 lb. oblate meaty beefsteaks” on plants with potato-leaf foliage. (F)

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

GERMAN JOHNSON 80 days. A parent of variety *Mortgage Lifter* originating in eastern N.A., it is known for large yields of large pink meaty very sweet fruits. (F)

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

GOLDEN JUBILEE 80 days. An AAS winner in 1943 variety from Burpee, delicious 8 oz. orange globes. (F)

KC 146 75 days. Semi-Det. (AKA Campbells 146). Originally developed by Campbell’s Soup Co in the 1950s; prolific plants yield 9 oz globes having great flavor; great for eating or canning. (F)

MARK TWAIN 85 days. My first time growing this rare heirloom that Fedco says is “one of the best tasting”. (F)

MOUNTAIN PRIDE (F1) Det. 70-77 days. 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. (NE)

PINEAPPLE 85 days. One of the best striped tomatoes; red-streaked yellow flesh 1lb. fruits w/ smooth texture, and a complex sweet low-acid taste. (F)

PREMIO (F1) 60 days. New to me this year. Hybrid cluster tomato ripening 4-8 4oz. fruits per cluster. *Extremely limited supply.* (F)

ROSE DE BERNE 80 days. New to me this year, this famous European heirloom boasts wonderful flavor and disease resistance. (F)

RUTGERS SCHERMERHORN 70 days. Multipurpose tomato, delicious and juicy with old-time flavor. 5 oz. fruits. (F)

SUNNY BOY (F1) Det. 70 days. 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. (NE)

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

BELLSTAR Det. 74 days. 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. (F)

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

HEINZ 2653 Det. 68 days. Good canning variety, 3 oz. fruits on small compact plants. (No affiliation with Kraft Heinz Food Co.) Resists F & V. (F)

RIO GRANDE 80 days. 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. (NE)

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

SAN MARZANO 2 80 days. 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. Tolerant to V and FW. (NE)

SPECKLED ROMAN 85 Days. Yellow-striped red skinned tomato producing meaty 4-5 oz. fruits great for sauce. (F)

TOMATOES, CHERRY

GARDENERS DELIGHT 68 days. New to me this year, this variety is a parent of the hybrid *Sweet 100*; produces deep red 1" fruits that are sweet and rich. (F)

LARGE RED CHERRY 75 days. Heirloom with "big, beautiful clusters of cherry tomatoes on rampant vines. Deep red fruits are 1-1¼" in diameter and bursting with sweet flavor." (L)

SUNGOLD (F1) 57 days. A long-time favorite. Incredibly sweet, early and prolific; ¾" golden globes. (F)

Disease codes:

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

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, most in 4-packs.

black-eyed Susan	coneflower, purple	marigold
blanketflower (Gaillardia)	cosmos	phacelia
borage	daisy, gloriosa	strawflower
calendula	johnny jump up	yarrow
cleome (R.M. beepplant)	larkspur	zinnia

PRICES

2½" POTS: \$4.00 each; 2 for \$7.00; 3 for \$10⁰⁰; 20 for \$50⁰⁰; 50 for \$100⁰⁰

Basil and flower 6- or 4--packs: \$5.00 per pack

Leeks: 12 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

SORRY. WE ARE NOT TAKING PRE-ORDERS THIS YEAR

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 planting:

- ***April 26-May 4 for leeks & brassicas***
- ***May 17-25 for everything else.***

Waiting until past Mid-May to pick up brassicas, lettuce, or leeks is highly discouraged, as is waiting until past May 25 for the warm season crops.

Folks wanting to **VISIT THE FARM** to browse the selection may do so **8 AM- 5 PM**, seven days a week beginning April 26. Feel free to explore walking our kid-friendly ***labyrinth***.

Also note that we are partnering again this year with **Laughing Buck Farm**. They will be hosting a plant- and bake-sale fundraiser featuring our plant starts on **Sunday May 18** from 11:00AM-3:00PM at **3724 N Co Rd 13**, Fort Collins, CO 80524; with proceeds supporting the non-profit: **Friends of Laughing Buck Farm**.

(<https://www.FriendsofLaughingBuckFarm.org>)

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 NRRC, 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.