

## RICK'S FAVORITE SEED VARIETIES FOR THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

Suggested Seed Sources: (F) = Fedco Seeds, (J) = Johnny's Seeds, (T) = Territorial Seeds

**Artichoke:** Imperial Star (F) – *“Will produce the first year from seed but grow more as a novelty and for its attractive appearance than for a great crop of ‘chokes.”*

**Beet:** Early Wonder Talltop (F), Kestrel (F), Golden Grex (F), Touchstone Gold (F), Boldor (T)

**Bean:** Masai (French filet) (F), *“Prolific, dependable, doesn't need to be picked every day”*, Denver (French filet) (T), Nickel (French filet) (T or search on-line), Provider (snap) (J), Helda (pole romano) (T), Limka (pole romano) (T), Seychelles (pole snap), Monte Gusto (pole snap, yellow) (F)

**Broccoli:** *“I've grown Arcadia, Bay Meadows, Green Magic, Umpqua among others and all performed well as spring and fall crops.”*

**Cabbage:** Caraflex (spring, fall) (J), Ruby Perfection (spring, fall) (red) (F), January King (fall) (T)

**Carrot:** Napoli (F), Hercules (J), Romance (J)

**Cauliflower:** Candid Charm (T), Bishop (J), Snowbowl (F), Snow Crown (J)

**Cucumber:** Diva (J), Tasty Jade (J), Summer Dance (T)

**Eggplant:** Orient Express (Asian), Nadia (Italian)

**Leeks:** Lincoln (F), *“Can be sown thickly, then gradually thinned during the season first as scallions, then as baby leeks, then mature leeks.”*

**Lettuce:** Tango (leaf) *“can be cut, fertilized and cut again once or twice”*, (F), Merlot (leaf, ditto) (F), Optima (butterhead) (F), Jericho (romaine) (F), Concept (summer) (F), Newham (mini romaine) (J), Rosaine (mini romaine) (J), Muir (summer) (J), Skyphos (butterhead)

**Onion:** Whitewing *“not for storage, great raw and grilled”* (F), Forum (yellow, storage) (J)

**Pea:** Sugar Snap (snap)

**Peppers:** New Ace (sweet) (F), Revolution (sweet) (F), Takara (shishito) (F), Mellow Star (shishito) (T), Early Jalapeno (F), Hidalgo (serrano), Roulette *“not hot, but looks like habanero, sweet and fruity”* (J), Staddon's Select (sweet) (T), Caballero (poblano) (T)

**Radishes:** Champion (F), French breakfast (F)

**Scallions:** Guardsman (J)

**Spinach:** Giant Winter (F), Space (F)

**Squash:** Slick-pik (yellow summer) (F), Raven (zucchini) (J), Dark Star *“My absolute favorite, but now hard to find. After an on-line search, I ordered from Hudson Valley Seed Company”,* Burpee’s butterbush (butternut) (F) *“Butternut squash is the easiest and most prolific winter squash to grow, because it survives the inevitable attack of squash borers.”*

**Tomatoes:** Honey Bunch (grape, no splitting, prolific) (F), Celebrity (J), Buffalo Steak (T or search on-line), Aosta (paste) (F)

**Basil:** Prospera (downy mildew resistant) (J), Rutgers Obsession (downy mildew resistant) (J), Rutgers Devotion (downy mildew resistant) (J)