



## Jackie's Variety Picks

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Artichoke		Green					Either is good. Start early, grow cool and on dry side after first true leaves.
	X	Globe	C	C	T	N	
	X	Imperial					
Basil		Star	C	C	T	N	
		Dolce					
		Fresca	W	E	DS or T	N	Very productive AAS winner
		Genovese	W	E	DS or T	N	Large leaves
Bean, Bush		Lemon	W	E	DS	N	Small leaves but great flavor
		Contender	W	E	DS	N	Tan seed good for dry beans
		Greencrop	W	E	DS	N	White seed, productive variety
		Magnum	W	E	DS	N	White seed, most productive flat bean
		Provider	W	E	DS	N	Red seed – great for chili when dry
Bean, Wax		Roc'dor	W	E	DS	N	May be same variety, either is good
		Rocquen-court	W	E	DS	N	
Bean, Pole		Helda	W	E	DS	Y	Flat bean, early, productive
		Kentucky					
		Blue	W	E	DS	Y	Continues to produce well in heat
Bean, Misc							<i>Dolichos lablab</i> in white or lavender flowered form
	X	Hyacinth	W	E	T or DS	Y	Extremely heat resistant, not a true bean, but a form of cowpea
	X	Liana	W	E	DS	Y	
Bean, Soy		Scarlet					
	X	Runner	W	E	DS	Y	Beautiful blooms, edible pods
		Any "green"	W	E	DS	N	A great vegetable – should be grown more often; Edamame
Beet		Burpee golden	W	E	DS	N	Wonderful color, sweeter flavor
		Cylindra	W	E	DS	N	Tubular shape allows for even slicing
		Chioggia	W	E	DS	N	Candy-stripe color, sweeter flavor
	X	Bull's Blood	W	E	DS	N	Lovely dark leaves

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Broccoli		Premium					All produce nice-sized large main heads, followed by smaller side heads into fall
		Crop	C	C	T	N	
		Green					
		Goliath	C	C	T	N	
		Packman	C	C	T	N	
Cabbage	X	Savoy Ace	C	C	T	N	All savoyed cabbage is quite attractive
Cabbage, Chinese		Blues	C	E	DS	N	Very reliable, sow directly outdoors in late summer for fall harvest
Carrot	X	Scarlet Nantes	W	E/C	DS	N	All Nantes types have best flavor
	X	Purple Haze Sweet	W	E/C	DS	N	Purple & orange, best eaten raw
	X	Sunshine	W	E/C	DS	N	Yellow roots are sweet, appealing
Cauliflower		Snow					Old reliable white variety Nice orange, doesn't need blanching Reliable purple, turns green when cooked Neon purple color in garden, but stays purple when cooked – better raw
		Crown	W	C	T or DS	N	
	X	Cheddar Violet	W	C	T or DS	N	
		Queen	W	C	T or DS	N	
	X	Graffiti	W	C	T or DS	N	
Celery		Celeriac, Large Prague	W	C	T	N	Celery is difficult to grow without constant moisture. Celeriac much more reliable
Chard, Swiss	X	Bright Lights Golden	C	E	T or DS	N	Mix of all the colors. Neon is similar
	X	Sunshine	C	E	T or DS	N	Bright yellow stems
	X	Rhubarb	C	E	T or DS	N	Lovely red stems
Chicory, Radicchio	X	Rossa di Chioiggia	C	E	DS	N	A tough leafy plant during season with nice red heads in fall
Corn SE, Sweet		Ambrosia	W	C	DS	N	Bicolor
		Argent	W	C	DS	N	White
Corn SE/SH Sweet		Honey Select	W	C	DS	N	Yellow – does not require isolation
		Serendipity Maple	W	C	DS	N	Bicolor – does not require isolation
		Sugar	W	C	DS	N	Bicolor, sweetest ever, requires isolation

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Cucumber, Slicing		Orient					
		Express	W	E	T or DS	Y	Trellis for straight fruit
		Tasty King	W	E	T or DS	Y	Trellis for straight fruit
		Iznik	W	E	T or DS	Y	Seedless, burpless, trellis recommended
Cucumber, Pickling	X	H-19 Little Leaf	W	E	DS	N	Small leaves, late, but very productive
Eggplant	X	Black Beauty	W	E	T	N	Large aubergine fruit, open pollinated variety
	X	Burpee Hybrid	W	E	T	N	Large aubergine fruit
	X	Cloud Nine	W	E	T	N	White, oval fruit
	X	Dusky	W	E	T	N	Aubergine, oval fruit
	X	Little Green	W	E	T	N	Average green fruit, smaller plant
	X	Lavender Touch	W	E	T	N	Lavender and white oval fruit
	Fennel	X	Finale	C	C	T or DS	N
Kohlrabi		Kolibri	C	E	T or DS	N	Purple skin, mild flesh
		Kossak	C	E	T or DS	N	Very large, stays tender, green skin
		Winner	C	E	T or DS	N	Very reliable, early, green skin
Lettuce, Leaf	X	Black Seeded Simpson	C	E	DS	N	Attractive chartreuse color, very productive
	X	Lollo Rossa	C	E	DS	N	Very wavy leaves with red tips
Lettuce, Butterhead		Butter- crunch	C	E	DS	N	Easiest grown for fall harvest
		Tom Thumb	C	E	DS	N	Grows quickly enough for spring
Lettuce, Romaine		Little Caesar	C	E	DS	N	Both are early enough to produce heads in spring
		Little Gem	C	E	DS	N	
Mustard	X	Red Giant	C	E	DS	N	Strong flavor, but attractive in salads
Melon, Orange Flesh		Magnifi- sweet	W	E	DS	N	Productive and very sweet
		Superstar	W	E	DS	N	Productive and very sweet
		Touchdown	W	E	DS	N	Productive and very sweet

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Melon, White Flesh		Sugar Nut	W	E	DS	N	Very sweet, golden skin signals ripeness
Melon, Water		Crimson Sensation	W	E	DS	N	Very sweet
Okra	X	Burgundy	W	E	DS	N	Great colored stems, fruit
	X	Jambalaya	W	E	DS	N	Reliable, early producer. All Okra has Hibiscus-like blooms
Onion		Superstar	C	C	T	N	Very sweet, white, large. Alternate name: Sierra Bianca
		Redwing	C	C	T	N	Red, large
		Candy	C	C	T	N	Sweetens in storage
Pea, English		Green Arrow	C	E	DS	Y	Heavy producer. Support helpful
Pea, Snow		Mammoth Melting	C	E	DS	Y	Needs support
Pea, Snap		Sugar Snap	C	E	DS	Y	Oldest, but best. Needs support
Peppers, Hot		Big Chile	W	E	T	Y	Large chili type for ristras
	X	Chichen Itza	W	C	T	Y	Habanero with great citrus flavor
		Fajita Bell	W	E	T	Y	Mildly hot bell pepper, ripens red
		Mexibell	W	E	T	Y	Mildly hot bell pepper, ripens red
		Chichi- mecca	W	E	T	Y	Large jalapeno, ripens red
		Pizza	W	E	T	Y	Numerous mild thick fruit, ripens red
Peppers, Sweet		Cheese Pimento	W	E	T	Y	Very fleshy fruit, ripens red. Great for eating fresh like an apple
	X	Islander Orange Blaze	W	E	T	Y	Mid-size fruit ripens from ivory through lavender, orange and red
			W	E	T	Y	Mid-size 2-lobed fruit with very sweet flavor and bright orange gold color
Potatoes, Irish		Banana	C	C	DS	N	Waxy, yellow flesh, small potatoes
		Kennebec	C	C	DS	N	Reliable, produces large potatoes
		Norland	C	C	DS	N	Early red
		Peruvian					Purple stems, clean green leaves. Potatoes are purple inside and out
	X	Purple	C	C	DS	N	
		Red Pontiac	C	C	DS	N	Large red
		Yukon Gold	C	C	DS	N	Large, reliable yellow-fleshed potatoes

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Potatoes, Sweet	X	Georgia Jet	W	E	T	N	Large red-skinned, dark flesh, reliable but with long vines
	X	Vardaman	W	E	T	N	Very attractive plants, tan skin, light flesh, shorter vines
Pumpkins		Baby Bear	W	E	DS	N	Medium small, smooth, with long handles
		Big Autumn	W	E	DS	N	Darker skin color, nice large size
		Jack-Be-Little	W	E	DS	N	Mini pumpkins with ridges – very productive
		Orange Smoothie	W	E	DS	N	Medium, very smooth, long handles
Radish, Spring		Cherry Belle	C	E	DS	N	Red, early
		Pink Beauty	C	E	DS	N	Also called Pinkie – very mild flavor
Radish, Fall		Red Meat	W	E	DS	N	Also called Rose Heart, Valentine, or Watermelon – very sweet, mild
		Green Meat Summer	W	E	DS	N	Spicy mid-length with beautiful green flesh
		Cross	W	E	DS	N	Long white daikon type
Rhutabaga		Laurentian	W	C	DS	N	A slight edge over American Purple Top
Spinach		Bloomsdale	C	E	DS	N	The old reliable – overwinters well
		Tyee	C	E	DS	N	Very productive
	X	Malabar	W	C	T	Y	<i>Basella</i> Not a true spinach but a good salad substitute in hot weather
Squash, Acorn		Table Queen	W	E	DS	N	Long vines, reliable
		Jester	W	E	DS	N	Attractive striped fruit, productive
		Honey Bear	W	E	DS	N	rounded acorn, very sweet
Squash, Buttercup		Sweet Mama	W	E	DS	N	Very sweet, borer magnet
		Sweet Meat	W	E	DS	N	Grey rind color, very sweet
Squash, Butternut		Ponca	W	E	DS	N	Reliable, productive
		Butterscotch	W	E	DS	N	Small, individual-sized fruit
Squash, Summer		Eight Ball	W	E	DS	N	Round, dark green zucchini
		Gold Rush	W	E	DS	N	Yellow skinned zucchini
		Golden Egg	W	E	DS	N	Egg shaped with yellow skin
		Sunburst	W	E	DS	N	Yellow scallop with green blossom end

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Tomato, Cherry	X	Smarty Red					
		Cherry	W	E	T	Y	determinate, ornamental leaves
		Sunsugar	W	E	T	Y	Yellow, sweet fruit; also Sungold
		Juliet	W	E	T	Y	tasty red grape tomato
Tomato, Paste		Giant					
		Valentine	W	E	T	Y	Tasty enough to eat fresh
		Italian Gold	W	E	T	Y	Great color, dries well; determinate plant
		Viva Italia	W	E	T	Y	Best flavor for a small plant
	X	Window Box	W	E	T	Y	Very small, compact plants, do well in containers
Tomato, Slicing		Cherokee					
		Green	W	C	T	Y	One of the best flavors!
		Brandywine	W	E	T	Y	Pinkish-red, very sweet
		Celebrity	W	E	T	Y	standard determinate variety with red fruit
		Green					very sweet, small fruit, ripen with green flesh,
		Zebra	W	E	T	Y	yellow/green striped skin
		Lemon Boy	W	E	T	Y	yellow fruit, consistent taste winner
	Mr. Stripey	W	E	T	Y	Yellow fruit with red streaks – very sweet	

for indeterminate (large) red-fruited plants, you can't go wrong with Big Daddy, Big Beef, or Luscious

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