

# A personal choice of vegetable varieties

(Particularly recommended)

## Broad Bean

Autumn sowing – *Aquadulce Claudia*

Dwarf – *The Sutton*

Tall – *Imperial Green Longpod*, *Jubilee Hysor*

## French Bean

Dwarf – *Delinel*, *Kenya*, *The Prince*

Climbing – *Cobra*, *Hunter*

## Runner Bean

*Enorma*,

*Desiree* (string-less)

*White Apollo* (white flowered)

## Beetroot

*Boltardy* – can be sown earlier than most

*Pablo* (F1)

*Solo* (F1 monogerm)

## Broccoli

*Bordeaux* (F1) – dwarf and early

*Claret* – (F1) tall and prolific

*Purple* – mixed with several different strains, very hardy

## Brussels Sprouts

*Franklin* – early F1, similar to *Peer Gynt*

*Maximus* – early F1, later sowings harvest mid-season

*Silverline* – mid season F1

*Braveheart* – late F1, good flavour

## Cabbage

Spring – *Pixie* (hearted), *Mastergreen* (greens), *Duncan* (F1 dual-purpose)

Summer – *Hispi* (F1 pointed), *Minicole* (F1 round), *Puma* (F1 round)

Autumn – few specific autumn types now, most summer types will crop until early winter

Winter – *Celtic* (hardy and large), *Tundra* (hardy dark and sweet), *Winchester* (small and hardy)

Savoy – a lot of new and very good F1 varieties: - *Mila*, small and very early; *Clarissa*, early;

*Tarvoy*, mid season, small; *Wivoy*, late

## Calabrese

*Kabuki* (early F1), *Trixie* (mid F1), *Hydra* (late F1)

## Carrot

Early – *Adelaide* (F1), *Primo* (F1)

Maincrop – *Maestro* (F1 Berlicum type), *Autumn King*

## Cauliflower

Summer – *Mayflower* (F1 earliest), *Fremont*, syn. *Freedom* (F1 small), *Gypsy* (F1 large)

Autumn – *Lindon* (F1), *Regata* (F1 holds well)

Winter – *Evita*, *Jerome* (F1)

## **Celery and Celeriac**

Celery – *Celebrity*, *Granada* (F1 strong flavour)

Celeriac – *Monarch*

## **Cucurbits**

Courgettes

*Defender* (dark green F1, even)

Marrows

*Tiger Cross* (F1)

Pumpkins

Pick a dwarf one

Squashes

Which shape and colour combination would you like?

## **Glasshouse Crops**

Cucumber – *Femdan* – F1 long; *Petita*, *Socrates* – F1 short.

Cucumber Rootstock – *Triumph* (F1) – from Moles Seeds

Pepper – *Bellboy* (F1 box-type thick walled), *Corno di torro*, *Corno di rossi*, etc. (thin-walled long pointed and sweet), *Jalapeno* (very small, hot and prolific)

Tomato – *Herald* (standard, excellent flavour), *Big Boy* (beefsteak), *Gardener's Delight* (cherry), *Red Alert* (cherry), *Sungold* (orange cherry) *Tropical Ruby* (baby plum)

Tomato Rootstock – *Aegis* (F1), *Arnold* (F1) – from Moles Seeds

## **Leeks**

Early – *King Richard* (very long shank), *Kingston* (F1, very early)

Maincrop – *Jolant* (reasonable rust resistance), *Oarsman* (F1, mid-season but holds well, good rust resistance), *Toledo* (late)

## **Onions (bulb)**

Sets – *Hytech* (Yellow, F1), *Red Baron* (longest storing red)

Seed – *Marco* (Yellow, F1, very long storing), *Red Baron* (longest storing red)

## **Parsnips**

Long rooted – *Cobham Improved Marrow*, *Javelin* (F1), *Gladiator* (F1)

Short rooted – *Avonresister*, best for shallow soils (**not available for 2013**)

## **Peas**

Early – *Kelvedon Wonder*

Maincrop – *Hurst Greenshaft*

Mangetout – *Oregon Sugar Pod*

Sugarsnap – *Sugar Ann*

## **Potatoes**

First early – *Accent* (carries on bulking-up)

Second early – *Charlotte* (salad type)

Maincrop – *King Edward* (the best, but difficult to grow)

## **Root Brassicas**

Swede – *Marion*

Turnip – *Tokyo Cross* (F1)

Also refer to the RHS Award of Garden Merit on the RHS website:-

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/Plant-trials-and-awards/Plant-awards/AGM-plants>