



Items of Interest from the Vegetable Garden

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Last season was a so-so summer for vegetables in the Family Food Garden. Most cool season vegetables such as broccoli and cabbage grew well, but we did not get large quantities of warm season vegetables such as pumpkins and squash. Our growing season was 134 days long, substantial when you consider the average is about 100 days. However, most of the extension was in September when we did not gain much heat. Although we did not get our first frost until 24 September, the cool weather was not enough to mature a lot of peppers, cucumbers and tomatoes. The table below lists a lot of the vegetables we grew well in 2001 and are worth testing in Fairbanks gardens.

Cultivar	Description	Source
Radish		
Sora	bright red radish	Johnny's Select
Easter Egg	mixed color radish	Johnny's Select
Swiss Chard		
Bright Light	very decorative, least bolt resistant	
Bright Yellow	more bolt resistant	Johnny's Select
Silverado	most bolt resistant	Stokes Seed
Greens (tend to bolt, but the ones listed below are better than most)		
Pac Choi	Many	
Tokyo Beau		Stokes Seed
Mesclun Greens		
Claytonia		Johnny's Select
Escarole	Coral	Johnny's Select
Escarole	Nuvol	Johnny's Select
Lettuce		
Bakita	romaine, dark red on exposed leaves, sl tendency to bolt	Stokes Seed
Freckles	romaine, susceptible to tipburn	The Cook's Garden
Merlot	leaf, darkest red, uniformly dark	The Cook's Garden
French Romance	romaine, tendency to tipburn	Shepherd's Seed

Cultivar	Description	Source
Lettuce (continued)		
Sangria	rosy butterhead, holds well, nice	Stokes Seed
Edox	red butterhead, 1 of 4 bolted	Stokes Seed
Baby Green	butterhead, small green, harvest early	Stokes Seed
Esmeralda	butterhead, green, very nice	Park Seed
Ermosa	butterhead, green, small but nice	Johnny's Select

Raddichio

Fiero	cos like, slight tend to tipburn	Johnny's Select
Chioggia	head type, more resistant to tipburn	Johnny's Select

Tomatoes

All tomatoes from Territorial

Prairie Fire	with 1 1/2-2 inch diameter fruit outweighs Sub Arctic 25, by more than 3 times, and the yield is approximately the same. It matures about a 1-2 weeks later than Sub Arctic 25
Oregon 11	its fruit are about the same size as Sub Arctic 25 but it was about a week earlier. It has a tendency to develop growth cracks and production dropped considerably in August.
Northern Delight	produced fruit that was generally larger than Sub-Arctic 25 without any appreciable reduction in yield.

Broccoli

Early Dividend	nice new early variety	Park Seed
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Cabbage

Green- Dynamonice	dense green cabbage	Pinetree
Red- Sombrero	nice dense heads, early	
Red Express	nice dense heads, early	Johnny's Select

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