

## Vegetables

***Amish Paste Tomato:*** Pink/Red. Its heart shape makes this a distinctive addition to any vegetable garden. Like our Howard German Tomato, Amish Paste is an excellent sauce tomato, great in salsas or salads and tasty all by itself. Best to stake. VG-103

***Belgian Beauty Tomato:*** Pink/Red. A very meaty, low acidity fruit, this variety produces an average of 1-2 lb. tomatoes. This sweet, deep ink tomato is an excellent choice for wine-making. As an indeterminate producer, this variety should be staked. VG-154

***Beste Von Allem Bean:*** Wax bean. The pods are long and yellow and the seeds are white with a black eye. These beans make a nice contrast when mixed and cooked with green beans. In fact, many Pennsylvania Germans use this bean in traditional bean salads. It takes 60 to 75 days for this bush bean to mature. Production slows down in extremely hot weather. VG-104

***Black Brandywine Tomato:*** One of the most interesting varieties that we offer, this fruit has a deep reddish-purple color to its skin and flesh that makes it appear almost black. Indeterminate producer that yields large, lobed fruit. Must be staked. VG-153

***Black Salsify:*** A hardy biennial plant, with a black-skinned root. The edible root is also called “oyster plant” or “vegetable oyster” because of its flavor. Requires a long growing season. It likes deep, rich loamy soil; well-rotted manure applications are helpful. Plant seed about ½ “ deep in rows approximately 18” apart. Thin seedlings to stand 4-6” apart. VG-105

***Danver’s Half Long Carrot:*** Blunt tapered variety, about 6 1/2” long. 75 Days to mature. Suitable for clay soil. Isolate from Queen Anne’s lace if you plan to save the seed. VG-168

***Deacon Dan Beet:*** A very large beet, this variety gets its name from the accounts that it dates back to the gardens of Deacon Dan Burkholder. A long season beet that keeps well in cold storage and will retain its sweet, tender qualities as it increases in size. When raw, Deacon Dan is striated red and white, turns to a light gold color when heated and to pure deep red when cooled. VG-148

***Deertongue Lettuce:*** Fairly slow to bolt, this lettuce forms an upright, loose head with light green triangular shaped leaves, thought to resemble a deer’s tongue. The flavor is sweet with a nice crisp texture, especially when young. VG-108

***Dr. Martin’s Pole Lima Beans:*** Can be quite vigorous in growth habit with vines up to 12 feet in length, but they seem to prefer climbing a trellis to the more traditional teepee poles. Pods are usually 5” in length and contain 3-4 large beans. Best planted around the beginning of June. Matures in 90-100 days. VG-109

**Early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage:** (pre 1840's) A point-headed cabbage, has an excellent mild flavor. Matures early, but keeps well in the field. Cover lightly in the heat of the day. Matures in 60-75 days. VG-111

**Fisher Bean:** Bush bean. Can be used as a dry or snap bean, but its small size, round shape, and circle around the eye, make it an attractive dry bean. Good yields and, when cooked, it is quite tasty. VG-113

**German Strawberry Tomato:** (pre 1900) The "Ultimate Sandwich Tomato", this fruit looks like a gigantic strawberry. Average 10" in circumference and contain little juice and firm meat. Excellent flavor. VG-156

**Gilfeather Turnip:** Delicious sweet taste. The top-shaped, creamy white root is knobby. It is excellent eaten raw! Good cooked too! It is believed to be from Germany. Likes cool weather and can be planted as a spring or fall crop. Sow the seed directly into the garden in rows spaced about 12" apart; thin the plants when they are large enough to use as greens. Biennial. VG-114

**Gherkin Cucumber:** Small pickling cucumber with a light green spiny skin. Vigorous grower, so leave plenty of room for the vines to spread. Prolific producer. Like fertile, well-drained soil that has warmed after danger of frost. Best planted near a fence or trellis to grow on. VG-152

**Golden Queen Tomato:** Although a bit slow to start, once it fruits it will continue until frost. Medium-sized fruit, golden-orange with a mild sweet flavor. Makes an unusual sauce for pasta. Best if staked. VG-115

**Grandma Hershey's Sugar Pea:** Needs to be grown on support. Allow the seed to develop in the pod rather than eat the pea in the flat pod stage. Must have cool weather to mature properly. Yields well. VG-117

**Green Grape Tomato:** Clusters of 1 – 1 ½" green oval tomatoes, ripe when they slowly begin to turn a pale yellow. Excellent flavor, a new favorite for most of the Seed Project staff! Should be staked. VG-169

**Hartman Yellow Gooseberry Tomato:** Yellow cherry tomato. Vigorous producer of 1" size fruit. Mildly acidic (or tart) flavor. Best if staked. VG-119

**Howard German Tomato:** (pre 1900) Although native to the Americas, our seed source relates that these tomato seeds originated in the "Old Country". A hands down favorite among the HSP volunteers. Long and narrow, like a poblano pepper; Sweet and tasty; Best to stake. VG-121

**Huberschmidt Ground Cherry:** Source for pies, jellies and salsas. Some eat this fruit directly out of the garden. The fruit has a distinctive tart, tomato flavor with a sweet after-

taste. Sow directly into soil after danger of frost. Very prolific and easily self-sown. VG-122

**Hutterite Soup Bean:** (pre 1750); Came to the US from a communal sect of German Anabaptists. Bush bean and the pods are allowed to dry on the vine before harvesting. Used in soups, hence the name! Excellent, nutty flavor when cooked. Matures in 75-80 days. VG-123

**Jacob's Cattle Bean:** Used primarily as a dried bean, but can be eaten in the early green snap stage, as well. Kidney-shaped seed is creamy white and decorated with splashes of maroon. Produces well with pods reaching 6-8" in length. Matures in 80-100 days. Let bean dry on vine before harvesting for use in dried bean recipes. VG-124

**Lutz Beet:** "New Century Beet". Begins with red and white striations, color changes when cooked. Keeps well through winter months, but can be eaten raw when harvested young. Matures in 60-80 days. VG-125

**Mammoth German Gold Tomato:** Varies in size from medium to extra large. Yellow tomato with red stripes, very flavorful and sweet. Indeterminate variety and with large fruit it should be staked. VG-126

**Mescher Bibb Lettuce:** A very old lettuce, this Bibb type produces small heads of wavy green leaves, tinted with red. Excellent flavor, produces well in cold weather. Sow seed outside after danger of frost. Fall crops can be grown with successive plantings from late July through August. VG-127

**Munchen Bier Radish:** Long thick tapered white root. This is one of the radishes consumed with beer and named for Munich, Germany. Has a nice flavor somewhere between sharp and mild. Sow mid-summer. VG-131

**Oxheart Tomato:** This heart-shaped variety produces large fruit typically 12 oz. to 2 lbs. It tends to be a late season producer, but its firmness and mild flavor make it one of the most popular heirloom tomatoes. Must be staked. VG-155

**PA Dutch Buttered Flavor Popcorn:** (pre 1885); Heirloom Variety grown by the PA Dutch. Matures in 105 days. 4-6 ears of small creamy colored kernels per stalk. VG-132

**PA German Red Lima Bean:** Pole lima. As a cooked vegetable, these beans, as well as Alma's, have a sweet nutty flavor. Not a vigorous climber, can be staked on 2' trellises or stakes. VG-149

**Pepper Tomato:** (pre 1900); This acidic, red tomato looks like a bell pepper and is great for stuffing. Medium size fruit. Indeterminate, should be staked. VG-157

**Pink Brandywine Tomato:** Meatier than the red Brandywine with a mild sweet flavor, this variety has been overlooked in favor of its more popular cousin. The fruit is slightly

lobed, but of beefsteak size. Skin is a light, light red and leaves are potato shaped. Mild season tomato, must be staked. VG-133

***Pretzel Bean:*** Pretzel bean is in fact a cowpea! Plant in blocks of 6-9 plants, stake with 6' poles and you will get a beautiful tall plant with lavender flowers and curly pods at the top – hence the “pretzel”! Can be cooked as you would a string bean when young. VG-159

***Red Brandywine Tomato:*** Our #1 Best Seller! Fruits are medium sized, slightly lobed; flesh is juicy with a terrific tomato taste. Yields are plentiful and plants will keep producing until frost. Must be staked. VG-136

***Red Drumhead Cabbage:*** Sweet and mild flavor. Rounded variety with a flat top, which is where it gets its name. Keeps well during winter months. VG-137

***Reigart Tomato:*** Small, plum shaped tomato has superb flavor. It is slightly acidic, juicy and firm. One of the most prolific producers that we have seen, must be staked. VG-158

***Riesentraube Tomato:*** “Giant Grape”. 1”-2” red cherry tomato. Very prolific and will produce heavily until frost. Sweet flavor and very juicy, the perfect snack for your little gardeners! Must be staked. VG-151

***Risser Early Sugar Pea:*** Edible-podded; a nice producer with good flavor and tall vines. VG-138

***Russian Kale:*** “Ragged Jack” or “Rugged Jack Kale”. Mildly acidic, but bold flavor, this ancient variety is very hardy. Delicate, oak-leafed appearance, this variety is not only tasty, but also a wonderful visual addition to your garden. VG-140

***Scarlet Runner Bean:*** Many people grow this bean solely for the beautiful red blossoms that grow on the long vines. Others use it as a dried bean. In the dried stage, the bean is a beautiful black bean with purple markings. Can be grown anywhere it has support, even on corn stalks! Matures in 65-90 days. VG-142

***Stowell's Evergreen Sweet Corn:*** A sweet, white corn that is a favorite among our customers. It has an excellent growing season with plants that produce tender, flavorful kernels on large ears. Traditionally corn was planted 6-8 seeds in hills and thinned to 3-4 of the healthiest plants. Hills were placed 3' apart on all sides. VG-144

***White Cucumber:*** Creamy white variety. Sweet and aromatic. If you want to save the seed, let it stay on the vine until it is bright orange and the skin and flesh are very soft. Likes fertile, well-drained soil that has warmed after danger of frost. Should be trellised to keep it off the ground. VG-146

***Yellow Brandywine Tomato:*** Bright yellow beefsteak type tomato with potato leaves. Same Zesty flavor as other Brandywines. Best if staked. VG-150

## Herbs, Ornamentals and Gourds

**Basil:** (Pre 1800); Annual. Grows to 2'; Fragrant leaves easily harvested for sauces. Foliage can be used all season until the first frost; Pink to lavender flowers bloom in July and August. Well drained moist soil, sunny location. HO-203

**Blackberry Lily:** (Pre 1800); Grows about 3' tall and produces a small, vivid orange, speckled flower. Seedpod looks like a blackberry! Historically used medicinally for sore throats, upset stomach and arrow poisoning as well as used for an ornamental. Plant out in the fall or cold stratify for two weeks before planting. HO-232

**Celosia: "Cockscomb"** (pre 1850); Deep wine-colored bloom on a plant that stands 18-24" tall. Start seeds indoors and plant out when danger of frost is past. Needs full sun in moist well-drained soil. HO-208

**Citron Melon:** (pre 1900); Green seeded. Looks like a round baby watermelon; flesh is firm, and creamy colored to greenish-white. On its own it has a very neutral taste; probably best to call it tasteless, but this is the melon used to make candied citron. GP-302

**Columbine:** (pre 1850) Blooms in its second year. Mixed colors such as pink, rose, dark blue or purple may be accented with white markings. Mid-spring bloomer, tolerates full sun. Sow seed in mid to late summer for blooms next spring. Moist, well-drained soil. HO-210

**Dill:** Although it is an annual, it self-sows very easily. Primarily a cooking herb for many dishes, dill is also used as a flavoring for salads, pickles and pasta. Feathery foliage grows up to 3' tall. Direct sow in full sun in good garden soil. Do not crowd plants. HO-212

**Fortna White Pumpkin:** (pre 1900); Small to medium-sized, pear shaped pumpkin is white skinned. The flesh, good in pies and breads is creamy yellow. Produces approximately 5-10 fruits per plant; prolific vine growth requires space. Start seed inside for transplant outside after danger of frost, in hills, 2 plants per hill. Matures in late Sept to October. GP-304

**Garlic Chives:** (Pre 1850); Leaves can be used to flavor soups, salads and other dishes. Starry white clusters of flowers in mid to late summer add beauty to your garden, but beware, if you do not want this plant to spread, collect the seeds from the seed heads before they burst. Full sun, well-drained soil. HO-215

**Job's Tears:** Corn-like plant that produces tear-shaped seeds that color from gray to black. Hard-shelled seed, PA Germans used them for decoration and jewelry. Sow seeds about 2" apart, ½ to 1" deep in well drained soil. HO-219

**Large Bottle Gourd:** Birdhouse gourd. (Pre 1850); Shaped like a bottle with a rounded lower section, a narrow neck and a slightly elongated upper section. Let the gourd dry on the vine (even through the winter months) and it can be used as storage (cut off the top and hinge with leather) or as a birdhouse (drill hole in side of it and clean out as best you can, the birds will use the rest as nesting!). GP-308

**Lunaria:** “Money plant”: (pre 1800); Sweet Honesty, Silver Dollar plant and Money plant are all names for this self-sowing biennial that is widely grown for its flat, translucent seed pods that look like silver dollars. Start inside in late spring and transplant to the garden in mid summer, or sow directly into the garden in mid summer for bloom the following year. Full sun to partial shade. 3’tall. HO-222

**Mole Plant:** Grown around the perimeter of the garden to deter moles, this attractive green and white striped leaf plant with heart-shaped seed pods grows up to 4’ tall. Full sun to partial shade; will reseed itself. Grow with caution as all parts of this plant are toxic and should never be eaten. HO-223

**Parsley:** “Hamburg Turnip Rooted”; A hardy variety, this plant is used from “head to toe” for flavoring stews and soups. Long thick turnip-like roots add excellent flavor to your home cooking and can be stored for winter. Takes up very little space. HO-225

**Jenny Lind Melon:** This old fashioned melon is sweet and aromatic. Green flashed melons are 1-2 pounds in weight and have a slightly flattened appearance. This variety is worth growing for the wonderful flavor. GP-305

**Moon and Stars Watermelon:** Considered an old Amish heirloom variety, it has large yellow moons and small yellow stars on a smooth, dark green, slightly ridged rind. Even the leaves are sprinkled with yellow stars. Seed is dark brown flecked with tan. The flesh of this watermelon is pink-red and is wonderfully sweet. Matures in 95-105 days. GP-306

**Patty Pan Squash:** Scalloped fruits on vigorous bushy plants. Harvest throughout the season at various fruit sizes from ‘baby squash’ for eating raw to its mature size of 6-8 inches across. GP-309

## Field Crops

**Flax Seed:** “Marylin” variety. Long-stemmed, blue flowered fiber flax imported from Holland. Flax does not like dry, sandy or heavy soil. It grows best in good garden soil that has been worked into a fine texture so that the straw can be easily pulled with little breakage. Plant early in the season (mid-April for us). Seed can be hand broadcast. The thicker you plant, the less likely that you will have weeds to deal with and the finer the

fiber. Less seed per square inch will give you thicker and stronger fibers from your straw. FC-413

**Flax Straw:** We grow our own flax field every year to produce flax straw for sale to our customers and for demonstrations at the Museum. We sell it retted and unretted by the pound. A pound of flax straw is approximately a bundle you can just about hold in your hand at the center of the stalks. FC-414 (unretted); FC-415 (retted)

**Buckwheat:** Buckwheat is a late season crop. Maturation takes about 70 days. Does best in cooler weather and can grow in most any soil. Plant with a grain drill or simply broadcast by hand. Lightly cover the seed. 1 ½ Bushels plants approximately 1 acre. FC-401

**Lancaster Sure Crop Corn:** Very tall grower. This is a dent field corn, not a sweet corn. Ears can grow to 12” long. FC-411 (2 oz.); FC-412 (1 lb.)

**Spelt:** To grow Spelt at our latitude (40 degrees N.) it should be “vernalized”, which means that it needs to freeze after it germinates. Spelt can be planted in early spring or autumn, if your winters aren’t too harsh. 15 lbs. per quarter acre. FC-441 (5 lb.)

**Winter Rye:** Secal cereal is an annual cool weather crop. It is happy grown even in poor soils and makes a good green manure crop or cover crop because of its high nitrogen content. Ideal straw for thatched roofs and basket weaving. Winter crop; plant in late September or early October for zone 6. FC-424

### Merchandise

**Flower Pot Mug:** Handsome, terra cotta colored, dishwasher and microwave safe earthenware mug in a distinctive “flower pot” design with the Heirloom Seed Project Logo in forest green. Perfect for combining your hobby with your morning coffee or tea! Unique gift planted with an herb for that “friend who has everything”! ME-503 \$7.95

**Canvas Tote with HSP Logo:** Generous beige tote with forest green handles carries all your favorite gardening guides or tools. The perfect gift for that gardening friend of yours! Decorated with the Heirloom Seed Project Logo. ME-504 \$6.95