

RHS Guide to Vegetables for Exhibition

Whilst the majority of vegetable varieties available, if grown well and properly presented, would be a valuable addition to the many shows staged across the country. There are varieties and cultivars, which due to their attributes, are regularly seen on the show bench and do particularly well in competition.

To assist those new to growing for showing, the following are amongst the most reliable and successful currently available.

This is not an exhaustive list of all vegetables but seeks to example those most regularly listed in show schedules and seen on the show bench.

In addition to their show qualities, **highlighted** varieties have the added benefit of carrying the Award of Garden Merit, given in recognition of their performance in field trials carried out by the RHS.

Most are available through commercial seed houses, whilst some will have to be sourced from specialist seed suppliers and breeders accessed through the horticultural press and/or the internet.

Aubergine	Bonica , Black Beauty, Moneymaker and Scorpio
Beans, broad	Giant Exhibition Longpod , Hylon, Imperial Green Longpod and Relon
Beans, climbing French	Algarve , Cobra and Fasold
Beans, dwarf French	Hawkesbury Wonder, The Prince and Safari
Beans, runner	Benchmaster, Enorma , Elite , Liberty and Stenner
Beetroot, globe	Cardeal, Jolie, Pablo and Red Ace
Beetroot, long	Long Black and Regar
Brussels Sprouts	Bright, Crispus , Churchill and Maximus
Cabbage	Brigadier, Kilastor, Lucus, Rodeo and Rovite
Carrots, long	New Red Intermediate (reselected)
Carrots, stump rooted	Nandor, Octavo, Speedo and Sweet Candle
Cauliflower, white	Boris , Raleigh , Skywalker and SV5818
Cauliflower, coloured	Clemantine (Orange), Graffiti (Purple), Navona (Romanesco) and Trevi (Green)
Celery	Discovery, Evening Star, Ideal and Morning Star
Courgettes	Ambassador, Defender , Tosca and Venus
Cucumbers	Carmen (under protection), Marketmore (outdoor) and Mini Munch (Mini)
Garlic	Solent Wight and Giant Elephant
Leeks, blanch *	Llanedwen, Pendle Improved and Welsh Seedling
Leeks, pot *	The Cumbrian and Yorkshire Green or Blue
* Please note that both exhibition blanched and pot leeks are raised from pips or bulbils and not from seed	
Lettuce	Analena, Matilda, Rosedale and Lobjoits (cos)

Marrow	Badger Cross , Blyton Belle and Bush Baby
Onions, exhibition	Kelsae and Showmaster
Onions, 250g & under	Bonus, Hytec, Marco, Red Baron , Red Rover , Toughball and Vento
Parsnips	Gladiator , Panorama, Palace, Victor and Viking
Peas	Alderman, Hurst Greenshaft , Show Perfection and Turner's Spring
Peppers, chilli	Apache , Jalapeno, Joe's Long, Scotch Bonnet and Tangerine Dream
Peppers, sweet	Ariane, Bendigo, Diablo , Lany and New Ace
Potatoes, coloured	Kestrel, Amour, Maxine , Blue Belle & Purple Eyed Seedling
Potatoes, white	Winston , Nadine , Sherine and Harmony
Radish	Bacchus, Celesta , Robin, Solito, Sparkler (summer) and Round Black Spanish (winter)
Rhubarb	Livingstone, Raspberry Red , Stockbridge Arrow and Victoria
Shallots, exhibition	Ambition, Aristocrat, Hative de Niort and Jermor
Shallots, pickling	Hative de Niort and Aristocrat
Swede	Helenor, Magres, Tweed & Marian
Sweet Corn	Gold Crest , Moonshine, Ovation and Swift
Tomatoes, medium	Cappricia, Maisy, Shirley and Mecano
Tomatoes, small fruited	Minoprio, Sungold and Sakura Red (cherry), Apero (plum) and Sweet Million (mini)
Tomatoes, beefsteak	Burlesque, Country Taste, Gigantomo and Marmande
Turnip	Golden Ball, Sweet Bell and Tokyo Cross

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