

## Recommended Vegetable Cultivars For North Central Texas

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Planting dates apply to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and refer to the planting of seed unless otherwise indicated. South of the Metroplex (i.e. in the Corsicana area), you can plant 5 days earlier in the spring. North of the Metroplex (i.e. in the Wichita Falls area and along the Red River), spring planting should be 5 days later than the dates shown.

Listed cultivars were selected for their productivity, resistance to common diseases and adaptability to north central Texas conditions. Proper watering, fertilization, weed control, etc., are necessary, however, if the desired results are to be achieved. Cultivars are listed at random, not in order of preference.

### **Asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*)**

Jersey Giant, UC 157

Planting dates: (spring only) crowns, February 15 - March 1

### **Beans, Snap Bush (*Phaseolus vulgaris* var. *humilis*)**

Blue Lake 274, Top Crop, Tendercrop, Contender, Tendergreen, Derby

Planting dates:

spring: March 20 - May 1

fall: August 1 - September 1

### **Beans, Yellow Bush (*Phaseolus vulgaris* var. *humilis*)**

Goldcrop, Improved Golden Wax

Planting dates:

spring: March 20 - May 1

fall: August 1 - September 1

### **Beans, Pinto (*Phaseolus vulgaris*)**

Improved Pinto

Planting dates:

spring: March 20 - May 1

fall: August 1 - September 1

### **Beans, Snap Pole (*Phaseolus vulgaris*)**

Blue Lake, Kentucky Wonder

Planting dates:

spring: March 20 - April 20

fall: August 1 - August 15

**Beans, Lima Bush (*Phaseolus limensis* var. *limenanus*)**

Henderson Baby Bush, Jackson Wonder

Planting dates: (spring only) March 20 - April 20

**Beans, Lima Pole (*Phaseolus limensis*)**

Florida Speckled, King of the Garden

Planting dates: spring only, March 20 - April 20

**Beets (*Beta vulgaris*)**

Pacemaker III

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 1

fall: September 1 - September 15

**Broccoli (*Brassica oleracea* var. *botrytis*)**

spring only: Premium Crop, Emperor

spring or fall: Green Comet, Galaxy, Packman, Baccus, Early Dawn

Planting dates:

spring: transplants, February 15 - March 1

fall:

seed: August 1 - August 15

transplants: August 20 - September 15

**Brussels Sprouts (*Brassica oleracea* var. *gemmifera*)**

Prince Marvel, Royal Marvel

Planting dates:(fall only)

seed: August 1 - August 15

transplants: August 20 - September 15

**Cabbage (*Brassica oleracea* var. *capitata*)**

spring only: Early Jersey Wakefield

spring or fall: Sanibel, Rapid Ball, Savoy Ace (wrinkled leaves), Ruby Ball (red color)

Planting dates:

spring: transplants, February 15 - March 1

fall:

seed: August 1 - August 15

transplants: August 20 - September 15

**Cabbage, Chinese (*Brassica pekinensis*)**

Jade Pagoda, Michihili, China Flash (napa type), China Pride (napa type)

Planting dates:

spring: February 15 - March 1

fall: August 10 - September 1

**Cantaloupe (*Cucumis melo* var. *cantalupensis*)**

hybrids: Magnum 45, Ambrosia, Mission, Explorer, Caravelle, Minnesota Midget (bush type, good in containers)

non-hybrids: Uvalde, Perlita

Planting dates:

spring: April 5 - May 1

fall: June 15 - July 1

**Carrot (*Daucus carota* var. *sativus*)**

Royal Chantenay, Burpee's Toudo, Park's Nandor, Danver's 126, Red Cored Chantenay

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 1

fall: August 15 - September 5

**Cauliflower (*Brassica oleracea* var. *botrytis*)**

Snow Crown

Planting dates:

spring: transplants, February 15 - March 1

fall:

seed: August 1 - August 15

transplants: August 20 - September 15

**Chard, Swiss (*Beta vulgaris* var. *cicla*)**

Rhubarb (red color), Lucullus, Fordhook

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 10

fall: August 1 - September 1

**Collards (*Brassica oleracea* var. *acephala*)**

Blue Max, Georgia

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - April 1

fall: August 1 - September 1

**Corn, Sweet (*Zea mays* var. *saccharata*)**

yellow: Golden Queen, Guadalupe Gold bicolor: Sweet G-90, Honey & Pearls

white: Silver Queen, Frontier

Planting dates:

spring: March 20 - May 1 fall: August 1 - August 15

**Cucumber, Pickling (*Cucumis sativus*)**

County Fair 87, Liberty, Saladin

Planting dates:

spring: March 20 - May 1 fall: August 1 - August 15

**Cucumber, Slicing (*Cucumis sativus*)**

Sweet Success, Sweet Slice, County Fair 87, Burpless, Dasher II, Slicemaster

Planting dates:

spring: March 20 - May 1

fall: August 1 - August 15

**Eggplant (*Solanum melongena* var. *esculentum*)**

Tycoon (oriental), Florida Market

Planting dates:

spring: transplants, April 5 - May 1

fall:

seed: June 15 - July 1

transplants: July 1 - July 25

**Garlic (*Allium sativum*)**

Texas White

Planting dates:

fall only: cloves, September 15 - October 15

**Greens (hybrid of Chinese cabbage x stubble turnip)**

Tyfon Holland

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 10

fall: August 25 - October 1

**Kale (*Brassica oleracea* var. *acephala*)**

Dwarf Blue Curled, Blue Knight

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 10

fall: August 25 - October 1

**Kohlrabi (*Brassica oleracea* var. *gongylodes*)**

Grand Duke

Planting dates:

spring:

seed: February 10 - March 1

transplants: February 15 - March 1

fall

seed, August 1 - August 25

**Leeks (*Allium ampeloprasum* var. *porrum*)**

American Flag

Planting dates:

spring: seed, February 10 - February 25

fall: seed, September 10 - October 1

**Lettuce, Butterhead (*Lactuca sativa*)**

spring or fall: Buttercrunch

fall only: Tom Thumb

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 15

fall: August 15 - September 10

**Lettuce, Head (*Lactuca sativa*)**

Classic, Park's Mission

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 1

fall: August 15 - September 1

**Lettuce, Leaf (*Lactuca sativa*)**

Salad Bowl, Black Seeded Simpson, Red Sails (red color)

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 15

fall: August 15 - September 15

**Lettuce, Cos or Romaine (*Lactuca sativa*)**

Romaine

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 15

fall: August 15 - September 15

**Mustard (*Brassica juncea*)**

Florida Broadleaf, Southern Giant Curled, Tendergreen

Planting dates:

spring: February 15 - April 1

fall: August 1 - September 10

**Okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus*)**

Blondy, Lee, Emerald, Clemson Spineless

Planting dates:

spring: April 5 - June 1

fall: July 15 - August 15

**Onion, Bulbing (*Allium cepa*)**

yellow: Texas Supersweet (Grano 1015Y), Yellow Granex

red: Red Granex, Burgundy

white: Crystal Wax, White Granex

Planting dates:

seed: sow previous year September 10 - October 1

transplants: plant current year February 10 - March 5

**Onion, Bunching [Scallions] (*Allium cepa*)**

Beltsville Bunching

Planting dates:

seed: sow current year February 10 - March 1

**Parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*)**

Moss Curled, Plain (Italian)

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 5

fall: August 1 - October 1

**Peas, English (*Pisum sativum*)**

Little Marvel, Wando, Dwarf Gray Sugar

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 1

fall: September 1 - October 1

**Peas, Edible-Podded (*Pisum sativum* var. *macrocarpon*)**

spring only: Sugar Snap (bush)

spring or fall: Sugar Ann (bush), Sugar Pop (bush), Super Sugar Mel (vine)

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 1

fall: September 1 - October 1

**Peas, Southern (*Vigna unguiculata* subspecies *unguiculata*)**

Blackeye #5, Mississippi Silver, Purple Hull, Zipper Cream Crowder, Colossus Crowder

Planting dates:

spring: April 1 - May 20

fall: July 1 - August 1

**Pepper, Hot (*Capsicum annuum* var. *longum*)**

Super Chili, Hungarian Yellow Wax, Long Red or SlimCayenne, Hidalgo

Serrano, Jalapeno, TAM Mild Jalapeno

Planting dates:

spring: transplants, April 1 - May 1

fall: transplants, July 1 - July 25

**Pepper, Sweet Bell (*Capsicum annuum* var. *grossum*)**

green: Big Bertha, Jupiter (mature color: red), SummerSweet 860 (mature color: yellow)

yellow: Golden Summer

purple: Purple Belle

Planting dates:

spring: transplants, April 1 - May 1

fall: transplants, July 1 - July 25

**Pepper, Sweet Salad (*Capsicum annuum* var. *cerasiforme*)**

Gypsy, Sweet Pickle, Cubanelle, Top Banana

Planting dates:

spring: transplants, April 1 - May 1

fall: transplants, July 1 - July 25

**Potato, Irish (*Solanum tuberosum*)**

red: Norland (early season), Red LaSoda (midseason)

white: Kennebec (late season)

Planting dates:

spring: seed pieces, February 15 - March 1

fall: seed pieces, July 25 - August 10

**Potato, Sweet (*Ipomoea batatas*)**

Jewell, Centennial, Vardaman

Planting dates: (spring only) slips, April 15 - May 15

**Pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo* var. *pepo*)**

Connecticut Field, Spirit, Small Sugar, Autumn Gold, Jack Be Little (ornamental)

Planting dates:

spring: April 1 - April 20

fall:

for large pumpkins June 15 - July 15

for small pumpkins July 15 - August 15

**Radish (*Raphanus sativus*)**

red: Inca, Champion, Cherry Belle

white: White Icicle, Snow Belle

Planting dates:

spring: February 5 - May 1

fall: September 1 - November 1

**Rutabaga (*Brassica napus* var. *napobrassica*)**

American Purple Top

Planting dates:

spring: February 1 - April 1

fall: August 1 - October 15

**Spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*)**

Melody, Coho, Iron Duke

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 15

fall: August 1 - October 15

**Squash, Summer (*Cucurbita pepo* var. *melopepo*)**

Multipik, Dixie, Sun Drops, Burpee's Butterstick

Planting dates:

spring: March 25 - May 1

fall: August 1 - August 25

**Squash, Summer Pan-Type (*Cucurbita pepo* var. *melopepo*)**

yellow: Sunburst

white: Patty Pan

green: Peter Pan

Planting dates:

spring: March 25 - May 1

fall: August 1 - August 25

**Squash, Winter (*Cucurbita moschata*)**

Early Butternut, Sweet Mama, Table Ace, Table King Bush Acorn, Cream of the Crop

Planting dates:

spring: March 25 - May 1

fall: July 1 - August 10

**Squash, Zucchini (*Cucurbita pepo* var. *melopepo*)**

green: Senator, President

yellow: Goldrush

Planting dates:

spring: March 25 - May 1

fall: August 1 - August 25

Note Regarding Tomatoes: Cultivars listed as determinate are the bush type whereas those listed as indeterminate are the vining type. "A" indicates genetic resistance to Alternaria, "F1" to Fusarium wilt race 1, "F2" to Fusarium wilt race 2, "N" to root knot nematodes, "S" to Stemphylium (gray leaf spot), "T" to tobacco mosaic virus, "V" to Verticillium wilt.

**Tomatoes, Large-Fruited (*Lycopersicon esculentum*)**

spring:

determinate: Celebrity VFNT, Carnival VFNT, Surefire VF1, President VFNT, Merced VF1F2ST, Heatwave VF1F2SA

indeterminate: Champion VFNT, Quick Pick VFNT, Simba VFNT, First Lady VFNT, Superfantastic VFN

fall:

determinate: Surefire VF1, Heatwave VF1F2SA

Planting dates:

spring: transplants, March 25 - April 15

fall: transplants, July 1 - July 25

**Tomatoes, Paste (*Lycopersicon esculentum*)**

indeterminate: Roma VF, San Marzano

Planting dates:

spring: transplants, March 25 - April 15

fall: transplants, July 1 - July 25

**Tomatoes, Small-Fruited (*Lycopersicon esculentum* var. *cerasiforme*)**

determinate: Small Fry VFN

indeterminate: Porter, Cherry Grande, Sweet 100

Planting dates:

spring: transplants, March 25 - April 15

fall: transplants, July 1 - July 25

**Turnip (*Brassica rapa* var. *rapifera*)**

spring or fall: Tokyo Cross, Royal Globe II, White Lady

fall only: Just Right

Planting dates:

spring: February 10 - March 10

fall: August 25 - October 15

**Watermelon (*Citrullus lanatus*)**

regular: Crimson Sweet, Sugar Baby, Royal Jubilee, Royal Sweet, Orange Golden, Star Brite

triploid or seedless (transplants only)

Jack of Hearts, Supersweet 5032, Tiffany

Planting dates:

spring: March 25 - May 1

fall: June 15 - July 1

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR 1996 TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION  
SERVICE LISTS OF RECOMMENDED CULTIVARS FOR NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS**

**Vegetables**

Cultivar additions:

'Baccus' broccoli

'Early Dawn' broccoli

'Star Brite' watermelon

'Frontier' sweet corn (replaces 'How Sweet It Is')

**Fruit, Nut, and Berry**

Cultivar additions:

'Blanc Du Bois' hybrid grape

'Arapaho' thornless blackberry

'Fayette' very late peach

Cultivar deletions:

'Starkspur' apple

'Smothee' apple

Rootstock additions:

M-26 dwarf apple

M-7 semi-dwarf apple