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CUCUMBERS

BURPLESS/SLICER

DIVA - 58 days

AAS trial judges throughout North America agreed - Diva might just be the best-tasting cuke on the planet. Diva looks like a regular salad cucumber but with a much smoother, thinner, no-peel skin. Distinctly tender, crisp, sweet, bitter-free, and seedless; especially flavorful harvested small, about the size of a pickle. Resistant to both mildews and scab. Foliage is non-bitter, hence not as attractive to cucumber beetles as some varieties. Adapted to open field production and under row covers or poly tunnels.

SUMMER TOP-Hybrid 65-70 days

Extremely easy to grow-an early Japanese type that produces burpless, deep green, 10" long fruits that are straight and uniform, with few white spines. Heat tolerant and high-yielding, especially when grown vertically off the ground where sunlight and air can circulate. Harvest often for best flavor. Superior resistance to Downy Mildew, Powdery Mildew, Anthracnose, and Cucumber Mosaic Virus.

SWEETER YET - 48 days

A burpless cucumber with perfectly balanced taste. Best when harvested at about 10-12" long, 1 ½ - 2" diameter. Fruits are dark green, thin skinned, sweet, bitter free, and require no peeling. Vigorous vines grow 70" tall on a trellis or 80" on the ground with no support. Fruits are long, cylindrical, and mature in 48 days. Resistant to Downy Mildew, Powdery Mildew, Common Mosaic Virus, Zucchini Yellow Mosaic Virus and Papaya Ring Spot Virus.

TASTY GREEN - 62 days

The first great burpless and still one of the best for yield and flavor. Grow on a trellis for straight 10" fruits. Proven to be one of the best for performance, flavor and wide adaptability.

SLICER

FANFARE - 63 days

1994 AAS Winner! This plant has short vines (2-2 ½' long), excellent disease resistance, and produces heavy crops of mild, deep green fruits 8-9" long.

LEMON - 60-75 days

The Lemon cucumber produces baseball-sized, bright lemon yellow colored fruits. Flavor is excellent, a bit sweeter than normal cucumbers. Plants are very easy to grow and do well in areas that have short summers, as fruits mature faster and need less heat to ripen than most cucumbers. Provide support for the growing vines or let trail along the ground. Can be grown in large containers.

PATIO SNACKER - 39 days

Controlled, yet vigorous, short branching vines are a great fit for small gardens or large containers with a small trellis. Dark green-skinned, 8" fruit has good flavor, crunchy texture and a bitter-free peel – great for straight-from-the-vine eating! Free-flowering plants are high-yielding with continuous harvests.

SPACEMASTER – 56 days

Great for small areas. This compact cucumber is ideal for containers or hanging baskets. Its short, hardy vines produce slender, dark green fruits 7 1/2" long. It's prolific and great in salads or plain. Resistant to Cucumber mosaic virus and scab.

STRAIGHT EIGHT - 63 days

These vigorous and productive plants yield dark green, blunt ended, cylindrical, 7-8" long fruits. A good slicing variety.

TAURUS – 60 days

Taurus is a gourmet Japanese cucumber developed for greenhouse production that produces long straight fruit, even when grown in the field. Its attractive fruit have a glossy, deep green color and measure about 8-1/2 to 9"L x 1-1/4 to 1-1/2"W at full maturity. Taurus cucumbers have tender, mild skin and its crisp flesh has a delicious flavor. This variety does not require pollination in the greenhouse. Intermediate resistance to Powdery Mildew.

TRUE LEMON - 58-70 days

Heirloom that was introduced in 1894 by Samuel Wilson of Mechanicsville, Pennsylvania. Similar in appearance and size to a lemon, averages 3" by 2". Was once a well-established variety in Australian markets. Used primarily for pickling, slicing and salads. Very easy to digest. Rust and drought resistant, extremely productive.

PICKLER**HOMEMADE PICKLES** - 55 days.

This variety produces heavy yields of small green, solid, and crisp cucumbers with superb flavor. It was bred especially for making pickles.

ENGLISH TYPE**ARMENIAN YARD LONG** - 65 days.

Plant produces good yields of up to 3' long slim light green cucumbers. Best when harvested at 12" long. This is the longest cucumber on the market. It is an excellent slicer and perfect for salads and gourmet dishes. It has a crisp mild flavor and is easy to digest. Impress your neighbors and grow a 3' long cucumber in your home garden! Disease resistant against the Mosaic Virus.

MELONS**CANTALOUPE/MUSKMELON****AMBROSIA** - 86 days

A trusted favorite for many years, Ambrosia lives up to its name with luscious salmon-red flesh and a juicy, tender, extra-sweet flavor that simply melts in the mouth! The melons produce very small seed cavities, saving the extra space for more delectable flesh! And they arise very abundantly on vigorous vines with great tolerance of Powdery Mildew. A reliable favorite that will turn you away from store-bought cantaloupes forever!

APHRODITE - 72 days

The flavor and aroma of this melon is simply divine. Shorter vines allow gardeners with smaller spaces to still enjoy the unbeatable taste of fresh, garden-ripened flavor. Fruits are large, averaging 6-7 lbs. each with a juicy, creamy texture and outstanding flavor that hints of honey. Possesses high resistance to both Powdery Mildew and Fusarium Wilt.

HANNAH'S CHOICE – 75 days

Strong disease resistance. Aromatic, very sweet, and full of flavor. The beautiful, ribbed fruits avg. 3–5 lbs. and are borne on healthy, productive plants. Bred at Cornell University. Intermediate resistance to *Fusarium* wilt races 1 and 2, powdery mildew, papaya ringspot virus, watermelon mosaic virus, and zucchini yellow mosaic virus.

HONEY ROCK- 80 days

A blast from the past, this muskmelon was the winner of the **1933 AAS Award!** Our heirloom Honey Rock is differentiated by its defined ridges and fruits that are firmer and sweeter than true cantaloupe varieties. Vigorous vines produce up to 7 compact, 3-4 lbs., salmon-orange fruits that are early maturing at only 80 days!

MINNESOTA MIDGET - 60 days - Heirloom

Novel, 4" cantaloupe with small 3' vines produce surprising numbers of luscious little melons with high sugar content, edible to the rind. Sweet flavor.

PRIDE OF WISCONSIN - 90-100 days

Heavy yields of football-shaped 4-8 lbs. muskmelons. Hard-shelled with firm sweet flesh. Great old-fashioned flavor associated with roadside stand melons. If you can only grow one melon and do not want to be disappointed, this is the variety to grow.

PRIMO – 79 days

This early western shipper yield's fruit that are sutureless with heavy netting. Dark orange flesh has 12% to 13% sugar level. 7" x 7 1/2". Tolerance to Powdery Mildew 1 & 2. A very good variety for commercial and roadside market.

SUGAR CUBE - 81 days

The deep orange, high quality flesh of these 2lbs., 4", personal-size melons have amazing flavor with a 14% Brix sweetness rating. Fruits keep well when refrigerated. Disease resistance includes powdery mildew, fusarium, mosaic and papaya ring spot virus.

VERONA - 75 days

Average weight 6-8 lbs., reaching 15lbs. under intensive cultivation. A very large Eastern Shipper type, excellent for roadside and mid-range shipping applications, with good holding ability. 12% Brix, lightly sutured, medium netted. Great eating quality, very sweet and firm. Resistant to fusarium wilt 0,1 and 2 and powdery mildew 1 and 2.

HONEYDEW / SPECIALTY MELON**DULCE NECTAR**-90 days

Dulce Nectar is an ultra-sweet, ultra-juicy absolutely delicious mid-season honeydew that stands up to a wide range of climates. Impervious to hot summers but also tolerant of poor soil and challenging conditions, this melon should take pride of place in your garden. They weigh about 5 to 6 lbs., and offer a small, closed seed cavity that makes cleaning easy. And the flavor is absolutely scrumptious! Best of all it is resistant to Powdery Mildew and Tobacco Mosaic virus, so you can expect big yields every time from these healthy plants. A winner for the garden no matter where you live.

GOLDEN HONEYMOON-92 days

A honeydew melon with a brilliant, gold rind and delicious green flesh; unique flavor. Two weeks earlier than regular honeydew; excellent yields. Will rarely sunburn; a great keeper, unique and rare!

HONEYCOMB-78 days

Best disease package to date in an early honeydew. High quality and uniform. Large 5.5 lbs. melons with thick, medium firm, very sweet flesh. Creamy white skin, small neat seed cavity & high 11-13% Brix rating. Excellent potential for high yield due to quick maturity and good disease resistance. Resistant to fusarium wilt 1 & 2 medium resistance to powdery mildew.

WATERMELON**BUSH SUGAR BABY** - 78 days - Scarlet Flesh

Plant produces good yields of small 10 lbs. oval watermelons. The red flesh is very sweet and flavorful. Just the right size to fit in your refrigerator. Bush type plant is suitable for small gardens

CAL SWEET BUSH – 90 days

This container watermelon produces at least one fruit per vine, each exceptionally sweet and tasty, with crisp, bright red flesh and weighing 10 to 12 lbs. If planted even with limited space, productivity soars to 2 to 3 fruits per plant. Compact, bushy vines reach only 18". but offer enough foliage cover to protect the fruits. Beautiful dark-green-striped watermelon pattern and shape. Picnic-size fruits are a favorite for commercial growers and for those who sell at farmers markets.

CRIMSON SWEET - 85 days - Deep Red Flesh

Plant produces good yields of 25 lbs. round watermelons. A very attractive watermelon with light and dark green striped rind. Its flesh is deep red and very sweet. Bottom side of watermelon turns from white to cream as it matures. Perfect watermelon for your backyard or for market growers. This variety is suitable for long distance shipping. Disease Resistant: Fusarium Wilt and Anthracnose.

JENNIFER HYBRID - 85 days - Bright Red Flesh

The tiny seeds in this melon are completely edible, and the bright red flesh is high in sugars and simply delicious! Jennifer is a working watermelon, acting as a pollinator for all seedless watermelon varieties in your field. Absolutely essential to grow with seedless types for best yields, Jennifer also happens to be a delicious super-small-seeded type in her own right -- so she is not only useful but very delicious!

MINI LOVE HYBRID (personal size) - 80 days - Deep Red Flesh

This new 'semi-seedless' variety has only a few seeds. That is super-sweet and tasty. It has deep red flesh inside a thin but strong rind that is crack and split resistant. Perfect for smaller families and smaller gardens. It has 3-4' vines that produce up to 6 fruits per plant. Each weighing 7-9 lbs. Not prone to powdery mildew.

ORANGE GLO - 90 days - Orange Flesh

Plant produces good yields of large melons averaging 25 lbs. This is one of the best orange flesh watermelons on the market. It has solid deep orange flesh that is very crisp, very sweet, and very flavorful. Vines are vigorous and produce heavy yields of watermelons that have light green and dark green stripes. Excellent choice for home gardeners and market growers.

ROYAL GOLDEN-85 days-Pinkish-Red Flesh

The most beautiful watermelon we carry; the rind of this heirloom turns brilliant golden yellow when ripe! The distinctive color makes it a snap to know when to harvest and is so beautiful in your garden. The tasty pinkish-red flesh is super sweet, crisp and refreshing. This variety is much larger than 'Golden Midget,' with fruit weighing 8-25 lbs.

SANGRIA - 87 days - Red Flesh

Voluptuous, oval fruit reach 20-23 lbs. with jade green stripes on a forest green background. The deep red flesh is high in sugars and even higher in flavor and eating quality. Plants consistently produce mouth-watering fruit with the most refreshing, delectable taste.

SUGAR BABY – 75 days

The classic "icebox" watermelon is very early with round, 7" – 9" almost black fruits weighing 6 – 10 lbs. featuring crisp, extra sweet, juicy orange-red flesh. Compact vines are perfect for small gardens. Can even be grown on a trellis.

YELLOW DOLL - 68 days - Yellow Flesh

Sweeter than red watermelons. Earlier, more productive, fewer seeds and sweeter than red ice-box types. Amaze your friends and family when you serve them Yellow Doll. Unique, lemon-yellow flesh makes this a fun to grow garden novelty.

EGGPLANT

ANTIGUA- 80 days

This smooth and nutty-flavored gourmet Italian eggplant features teardrop shaped fruit streaked with lavender. The fruit grows to 6" to 8" long, and the snow-white flesh is tender, mild and never bitter.

BLACK BEAUTY- 74 days

Over 100 years old, this 1902 Burpee introduction was an immediate hit because the plants ripened perfect fruits dramatically earlier than other varieties. It became the common market eggplant of today.

DANCER-65 days NEW

Semi-cylindrical fruits are mid-sized (7-8" by 3-4" diameter), mild, and nonbitter. Lants are strong and high-yielding. Popular in Puerto Rico.

PATIO BABY-45 days

'Patio Baby', a prodigiously prolific dwarf eggplant, offers up a summer long harvest, each plant producing 25 to 50 luscious babies. On the patio the early-yielding All-America Selection makes a striking impression, compact 16-20" plants clustered with egg-shaped, 2-3" purple-black fruit. Loaded with rich, mild, sweet flavor, 'Patio Baby's' mini fruits (never eaten raw) are delicious baked, roasted, or sautéed—excelling as a side dish, or starring in salads or dips. Thornless leaves and calyxes make for painless harvesting. Small pale-lavender blooms appear in spring. Thriving in any climate, 'Patio Baby' is a great choice for shorter growing seasons of the Northeast and Midwest. No staking required.

PING TUNG LONG-62 days

(Taiwanese variety) Shiny deep lavender fruits can grow 11" and longer. If plants are kept upright the fruits can be kept straight for over ¾ of the length, Making for impressive filets. Disease-resistant variety and high yielding producing over 20 fruits per plant. Excellent flavor.

SQUASH**SUMMER SQUASH****ZUCCHINI****BLACK ZUCCHINI- 44 days-NEW**

Large, straight, cylindrical fruits grow 6 to 8" and have greenish-black skins that are slightly ridged. Greenish-white flesh is firm, crisp and fine textured. Vigorous yielder.

BLACK BEAUTY ZUCCHINI – 45-65 days

Compact everbearing bush plants are loaded with glossy green-black fruits with firm white flesh. Best eaten when fruits are under 8" long. Excellent variety for freezing.

BUTTERDISH ZUCCHINI- 55 days-NEW

Open plants with few spines are easy to harvest. 7 to 8" butter yellow fruit with mild flavor.

COCOZELLE BUSH ZUCCHINI – 45 days

Bush type plant produces good yields of dark green with light green striped zucchini. This Italian variety is very flavorful and tender. Best when harvested when 12" long or smaller. These are excellent for slicing, frying, steaming, canning or freezing. Pick when squash is young to prolong harvest.

GREY ZUCCHINI-42 days

Small to medium zucchini, often still tender at 18", with gray-green mottled skin. Small-seeded with extended keeping quality. Long harvest period. Excellent flavor and texture.

SEBRING GOLDEN ZUCCHINI - 50 days

Open, easy to harvest plants, bear uniform smooth solid gold fruits. Mild flavor, tender texture harvest as baby vegetable up to 8" long. Nothing brightens up a ratatouille like a few Sebring Golden Zucchini (F1). Powdery mildew resistant.

OTHER**EARLY GOLDEN CROOKNECK- 53 days**

Meaty fruits with small crookneck have bright yellow, bumpy skin. Delicious flavor and fine texture. Ready to harvest about 53 days after seed is planted.

SUNBURST SCALLOP- 50 days

The standard round, scalloped squash with bright yellow color, tender texture, buttery flavor and great productivity. Compact open habit for easy picking. Pick young when fruits are 2"- 3" across for ideal tenderness and flavor. AAS Winner.

WINTER SQUASH

ACORN

AUTUMN DELIGHT – 71 days

Semi-bush vine is compact and bears early maturing crop of large, 6" - 7", deep green, deeply ribbed fruit with sweet buttery golden interior. High yield potential due to fast maturity combined with the unique powdery mildew resistance trait, which improves the likelihood that a high % of fruit set will achieve full maturity.

TABLE ACE – 70 days

Fruit with excellent shape, 4 ½" X 5 ½", attractive black-green skin. Delicious, sweet flesh is free of stringy fiber. Matures 5 to 10 days earlier than common acorn strains. Compact vines produce extremely well. A favorite of both home gardeners and commercial growers.

TABLE QUEEN ACORN - 85 days

1939 All-America Selections Winner! Plant produces good yields of large 7" deep green acorn shaped squash. The squash has flavorful dark orange flesh. Excellent sliced, fried, or steamed. Stores well. Grows well even in poor soil.

BUTTERNUT

BUTTERSCOTCH – 100 days

Tastiest small butternut. Bred for sweetness, richness, and complex flavor, surpassing all others in its class. The perfect size for dinner (no leftovers), it is ideal for growers selling at farmers' markets and filling CSA boxes. Matures early at 1–2 lb., with no curing needed before it can be enjoyed. Stores up to 3 months after harvest. Short vines. Intermediate resistance to powdery mildew. Thanks to Cornell University for developing this variety.

METRO PMR – 105 days

Attractive, smaller butternut; just what many markets are asking for. This squash averages 2 ½ - 3 ½ lbs., is powdery mildew resistant and has very good flavor and texture. Compact vines. Average yield is 4-5 fruits per plant.

WALTHAM-85 days

Fall and winter, this is a delicious butternut with improved fruit uniformity and increased yields. Interior is solid and dry, pick young and use like summer squash or let mature to 6 lbs. Excellent for storing,

HUBBARD

BLUE BALLET-95 days

Sweet, scaled-down Blue Hubbard. A much smaller and more marketable Blue Hubbard. Smooth-skinned, blue-gray fruits are medium size, avg 4-6 lbs. with sweeter, bright orange fiber less flesh. Skin is tender compared to other Hubbard's, making it easy to cut. Stores well. Avg. yield: 2 fruits/plant.

RED KURI - 92 days

Flashy, scarlet fruits. Teardrop-shaped, "baby red Hubbard" style fruits weigh about 4 -7 lbs. and have smooth-textured flesh. Red Kuri is good for pies and purées because specks of skin (being red) will not show. Also known as Orange Hokkaido.

SWEET FALL-100 days

This Hubbard-type squash has teardrop-shaped fruit and attractive salmon and blue green skin. Its fruit average 4 lbs. and have very sweet flesh. Ortha and Wallace Broeker of Nebraska donated the heirloom, variety to SSE in 1998. Wallace remembers his Uncle Roy growing it back in the 1930s.

OTHERS

PINATA DELICATA-85 days

Pinata PMT F1 hybrid is a new standard in Delicata squash. Ivory cream skin with dark grey stripes. 7"- 9" long and 3" in diameter. Has rich sweet potato-like flavor on short vines. A good keeper.

PINNACLE DELICATA- 85 days-**NEW**

Consistent medium small size. Smaller and more uniform than OP varieties for a more predictable outcome. Slightly sweet, nutty flavor. Attractive, bright lemon-yellow shell. High yielding. Semibush plants. Suitable for denser plantings for greater yields.

VEGETABLE SPAGHETTI - 85 days

Plant produces good yields of cylindrical shaped squash. The creamy colored squash is filled with spaghetti like strands of buttery yellow flesh. Excellent when topped with spaghetti sauce and cheese. A winter squash variety from Japan.

PUMPKINS

BATWING MIX-85 days **NEW**

Novelty, baseball-sized mini-pumpkin that makes an unusually spooky Halloween Display! Weighs a half-pound and measures about 3". across, with many variations in its colors: some are solid orange, some are solid deep green and many are half and half. Plant late around July 4th and harvest early for most dramatic coloration. Turns fully orange at maturity. Great for roadside stands. Semi-bush vines.

CARGO- 100 days

PMR (F1) Intermediate resistance to Powdery Mildew to help ensure that your crop will develop to full maturity with strong, green handles. Robust hybrid with deep orange color up to 20 – 25 lbs.

CASPERITA-77 days

Ideal for home decoration. This mini, ½ - 1lb white pumpkin has strong green handles and holds its color well. Avg. yield: 7-8 fruits per plant.

EARLY GIANT-95 days

Early, powdery mildew-resistant large jack. Elongated and blocky, medium-dark orange fruits are uniform in shape. Excellent size potential, fruits range 25 - 40 lbs., average 30 lbs. Stocky handles, light ribs, and long vine habit. Easy to grow for such a large-fruited type, Early Giant is also well adapted and a reliable producer. Tall fruits with rich color attract attention at roadside stands and farmers' markets. Performs well on moderate spacing. Average yield 1-2 fruits/plant.

EARLY SUGAR- 90 days-**NEW**

A good all-purpose pumpkin ideal for cooking, carving and snack seeds. Fine-grained, sweet flesh makes Early Sugar the choice for pies, soups, and canning.

HOWDEN- 110 days-**NEW**

A Connecticut Field- type developed in the 1970s by John Howden to create the perfect Halloween pumpkin. Fruits weigh 20 to 25 lbs. and are uniform in shape, with strong handles and the typical carving shape. Perfect color for Jack-O-Lanterns – deep reddish orange.

JACK-BE-LITTLE - 90 days

Only 2" high 3" in. diameter and weighs 3 to 4 oz. The deep orange color and small size make it attractive and unique for fall decorating. A good keeper when properly stored. Each vine bears many fruits. A true pumpkin and the flesh is edible.

JACK-O-LANTERN- 100 days

Best choice as an all-purpose pumpkin. Carve some of these bright orange pumpkins for Halloween and save some to can or make into pies. Seeds are great for roasting. Nice oval shape and typically 10-pounders!!

KAKAI-100 days

Hull-less seeds for snacking. Eye-catching, medium-small, avg. 5 - 8 lbs., black-striped pumpkins, after displaying the pumpkins in the fall, you can scoop out the large, dark-green, hull-less seeds, which are delicious roasted. The seeds also yield savory oil. Semi-bush, short-vine plants. Avg. yield: 2-3 fruits/plant.

KNUCKLE HEAD – 105 days

Freaky, orange and warty, these fruits average 12 - 16 lbs. and you get an average of 2 fruits per plant.

POLAR BEAR – 100 days

Polar Bear retains its color after maturity in the field, at market, and in decorative displays. Long vigorous vines produce fruit typically weighing 30-40 lbs., and you get an average of 1 fruit per plant.

ROCK STAR – 98 days

A vigorous growing, average 20-28 lbs., hybrid pumpkin. Early maturity and good adaptability to different weather conditions. Blocky, upright shape with rich orange color.

ROUGE VIF D 'ETAMPES- 115 days-**NEW**

The bright scarlet French pumpkin. Known as Rouge vif d'Etampes in France. "Rouge vif" means "vivid red." This is an attractive variety for fall display. Shaped flat, looking like a red cheese wheel, the fruits average 10–15 lb. The moderately sweet, orange flesh is excellent for pies. Also known as Cinderella.

SUPERMOON – 90 days

C. maxima. Enjoy the ghostly white, smooth, clean skins of these medium sized Halloween pumpkins. Plant Super Moon pumpkin seeds in full sun, in fertile soil with enough space to allow the indeterminate 5' vines to take hold. Expect two to four fruits per plant, each weighing 25-30 lbs, and measuring 38-45cm (15-18") across. The deep green leaves are tolerant to powdery mildew, and the fruits are early maturing. Super Moon F1 is an All-America Selections winner. Once they have served their spectral service as Halloween ornaments, enjoy the tasty flesh in soups and pies.

Gardening Tips:

- For early fruiting and to overcome a short growing season, plants may be started indoors in peat pots.
- Water during hot, dry periods.
- **DO NOT PLANT CUCUMBERS AND CANTALOUPE CLOSE TOGETHER AS THEY WILL CROSS POLLINATE!**
-This will make both fruits undesirable for eating and the cucumbers will become EXTREMELY bitter.

Vegetable plants love to have compost around them and in their soil. We carry several types of composts for your garden: Steer compost, Tack Box compost (aged horse manure and sawdust), Mint compost, and our very own Gardener's Choice™ Organic compost, which is a mixture of all of our composts, tilled together and then allowed to age for a minimum of 6 months.

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