

Roots to River Farm

2017 Plant Sale



VARIETY	ORIGIN	DESCRIPTION	
BASIL <i>GENOVESE</i>	ITALY OPEN- POLLINATED	Authentic basil flavor and appearance. Use in any recipe that calls for basil, or to garnish drinks, salads, soups, pasta, and desserts.	
BASIL <i>SWEET THAI</i>	VIETNAM OPEN- POLLINATED	Try it as a flavorful garnish for sweet dishes, leaves have a spicy, anise-clove flavor. Edible flowers.	
CILANTRO <i>MARINO</i>	MULTIPLE OPEN- POLLINATED	Use the flowers raw . Sprinkle to taste on salads, bean dishes, chicken, and spicy Southwestern dishes. Flavor is of mild cilantro. Flowers beneficial for pollinators!	
DILL <i>BOUQUET</i>	MULTIPLE OPEN- POLLINATED	Edible seeds and greens flavor many foods. Popular addition to sauces and a must for making pickles.	
THYME <i>GERMAN</i> <i>WINTER</i>	GERMANY OPEN- POLLINATED	Subtle and delicate, with zesty fragrance. Slender leaves with woody, thyme-like flavor. Excellent for flavoring green beans, veggies, poultry, or infused in vinegar .	



VARIETY ORIGIN DESCRIPTION

**LEMON
BALM**

**MULTIPLE
OPEN-
POLLINATED**

Fresh leaves for tea and salads. During the summer, small white flowers full of nectar appear which attract beneficial pollinators.



**SAGE
COMMON**

**MULTIPLE
OPEN-
POLLINATED**

Dusty, green leaves are used in dressing, sauces, salted herbs, sausage, and tea. Make a good base for dried floral wreaths. Also known as garden sage. Edible flowers.



OREGANO

**GREECE
OPEN-
POLLINATED**

Essential for Italian and Greek cooking, strong aroma and flavor. Edible flowers have same flavor as leaves. Attracts beneficial pollinators!



MARJORAM

**MULTIPLE
OPEN-
POLLINATED**

Aroma similar to oregano, but sweeter and more balsam-like. Garnish salads, soups, stews, sauces, and stuffing. Pairs well with citrus, mushrooms, and fish.



SORREL

**FRANCE
OPEN-
POLLINATED**

Bright, lemon flavor. Tender, fresh green leaves. Use sparingly in salads or generously in soups and sauces, especially with fish.



VARIETY	ORIGIN	DESCRIPTION	
MINT <i>COMMON</i>	MULTIPLE OPEN- POLLINATED	Zesty, versatile herb. Use to flavor salad mix, main dishes, ice cream, and drinks. The flowers are used to garnish salads, soups, desserts, and drinks.	
PARSLEY <i>GIANT OF ITALY</i>	ITALY OPEN- POLLINATED	Huge, dark green leaves with great flavor. The preferred culinary variety.	
NASTURTIUM	MULTIPLE OPEN- POLLINATED	Well-known mix of singles and doubles. These bright, 2" blooms of red, pink, orange, and yellow are held above light-green foliage. Also known as garden nasturtium and Indian cress.	
BORAGE	EUROPE (NON- INVASIVE) OPEN- POLLINATED	Edible flower with mild cucumber flavor. Large plants bear hundreds of small edible flowers, mostly blue and some pink. Long harvest period. Attracts beneficial pollinators!	
CHIVES <i>STARO</i>	MULTIPLE OPEN- POLLINATED	Flavor is of mild, sweet onion. Sprinkle salads, dips, sauces, soups, stir-fries, and pizza. Great as an addition to potato salad. Edible flowers	

VEGETABLES

VARIETY	ORIGIN	DESCRIPTION	
BROCCOLI <i>BELSTAR</i>	MULTIPLE HYBRID	Heads are medium-green and well domed with a medium-sized bead. Strong, stress tolerant plants	
CHARD <i>IMPROVED RAINBOW</i>	MULTIPLE HYBRID	Striking blend of pink, white, yellow, and gold stems. Versatile cooking green.	
CUCUMBER <i>MARKETMORE</i>	MULTIPLE OPEN-POLLINATED	Long, slender, dark green cucumbers. The slender, refined "Marketmore look" has long been the standard for slicing cucumbers in the North.	
CUCUMBER <i>SALT & PEPPER</i>	MULTIPLE OPEN-POLLINATED	White skinned, great for pickling.	
KALE <i>RIPBOR</i>	MULTIPLE HYBRID	The finely curled, dark blue-green leaves can be harvested with one cut. Classic kale.	

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KALE <i>TOSCANO</i>	ITALY HEIRLOOM	Rich, tender leaves have a softer texture than curly green kales. Lacinato or "dinosaur" type. Unique leaf type: extra-dark green.	
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LETTUCE <i>BUTTERCRUNCH</i>	MULTIPLE OPEN- POLLINATED	Dark green leaves and small compact hearts that blanch to an appetizing yellow color. Crisp and sweet.	
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LETTUCE <i>GREEN SALAD BOWL</i>	MULTIPLE OPEN- POLLINATED	Delicate, lobed, lime-green leaves.	
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LETTUCE <i>RED SALAD BOWL</i>	MULTIPLE OPEN- POLLINATED	Radiant burgundy-red, deeply-lobed, delicate oak-like leaves.	
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LETTUCE <i>RED SAILS</i>	MULTIPLE OPEN- POLLINATED	Attractive, ruffled, fringed leaves of deep burgundy red over green.	
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VARIETY	ORIGIN	DESCRIPTION	
EGGPLANT <i>FAIRYTALE</i>	MULTIPLE HYBRID	Wonderful flavor with no bitterness and very few seeds.	
EGGPLANT <i>BLACK BEAUTY</i>	ITALY OPEN-POLLINATED	Glossy, dark-purple - almost black - fruits. Classic bell shape with attractive ribbing. Great for stuffing baba ganoush.	
HUSK CHERRY <i>GOLDIE</i>	PENNSYLVANIA HEIRLOOM	Sweet golden berries,. Fruits can be eaten raw, dried like raisins, frozen, canned, or made into preserves, cooked pies, and desserts.	
SWEET PEPPER <i>GOURMET</i>	MULTIPLE HYBRID	Thick, juicy walls and fruity sweet flavor. Medium-large, very blocky bells are easy to grow under a wide variety of conditions.	
SWEET PEPPER <i>YANKEE BELL</i>	MULTIPLE HYBRID	Blocky 3-4 lobed fruits are medium sized. Classic bell pepper.	
SWEET PEPPER <i>PURPLE BEAUTY</i>	MULTIPLE HYBRID	Thick walled and crisp. Mild, sweet flavor.	

VARIETY ORIGIN DESCRIPTION

HOT PEPPER
RED FLAME

MULTIPLE
OPEN-
POLLINATED

Sweet-hot taste.
Quick drying.



HOT PEPPER
EARLY JALAPENO

MULTIPLE
OPEN-
POLLINATED

Average, medium hotness.



TOMATO
BLACK CHERRY

USA
HEIRLOOM

Complex full tomato flavors,
great to mix with other cherries
tomatoes. Only true “black”
cherry tomato.



TOMATO
PEACEVINE

USA
HEIRLOOM

Most fruit is red, sometimes orange/
gold; exceptionally delicious and
high in vitamin C. Earned its name
from its high content of gamma ami-
no butyric acid, an amino acid that
acts as a calming body sedative.



TOMATO
CHEROKEE
PURPLE

CHEROKEE
TRIBE, TN
HEIRLOOM

An old Cherokee Indian heir-
loom, pre-1890 variety; beauti-
ful deep dusky purple-pink col-
or, superb sweet flavor, and
very large sized fruit.



VARIETY ORIGIN DESCRIPTION

TOMATO
AMISH PASTE

WISCONSIN
HEIRLOOM

Many seeds savers believe this is the ultimate paste tomato. Giant, blocky Roma-type tomatoes have delicious red flesh that is perfect for paste and canning.



TOMATO
SUNGOLD

JAPAN
HYBRID

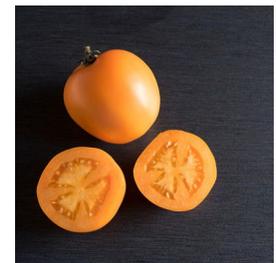
Vigorous plants start yielding early and bear right through the season. Exceptionally sweet, bright tangerine-orange cherry tomatoes.



TOMATO
VALENCIA

MAINE
HEIRLOOM

This midseason tomato is among the best for flavor and texture. Meaty interiors have few seeds.



TOMATO
EVA'S PURPLE BALL

BLACK FOREST, GERMANY
HEIRLOOM

All-purpose, round, smooth, and delicious.



TOMATO
PINK BRANDYWINE

USA
HEIRLOOM

Large, beef-stake tomato, sweet taste, few seeds, and very meaty flesh.



TOMATO
YELLOW BRANDYWINE

USA
HEIRLOOM

Large, beef-stake tomato, sweet taste, few seeds, and very meaty flesh.



VARIETY ORIGIN DESCRIPTION

TOMATO
RUTGERS

**NEW
JERSEY
HEIRLOOM**

“The Jersey Tomato” Developed at Rutgers. Sweet-tomato with small seed cavity. Excels at canning and slicing



TOMATO
RAMAPO

**NEW
JERSEY
HEIRLOOM**

Developed at Rutgers. Gardeners favorite due to its wonderful flavor combined with excellent fruit quality, reliability and production.



TOMATO
BIG BEEF

**MULTIPLE
HYBRID**

They have full flavor - among the best - and ripen early for their large size.



**SUMMER
SQUASH**
YELLOWFIN

**MULTIPLE
HYBRID**

Uniform, cylindrical fruits; attractive golden yellow color.



**SUMMER
SQUASH**
*MIDNIGHT
LIGHTNING*

**MULTIPLE
HYBRID**

A zucchini that produces long, narrow fruits of exceptional flavor and are colored very dark green.



**SUMMER
SQUASH**
ZEPHYR

**MULTIPLE
HYBRID**

Distinctive, slender fruits are yellow with faint white stripes and light-green blossom. Harvest young at 4-6" for delicious, nutty flavor and firm texture.



FLOWERS

VARIETY	ORIGIN	DESCRIPTION	
ZOHAR (<i>SUNFLOWER</i>)	NORTH AMERICA OPEN-POLLINATED	This uniform, early sunflower has 4-6" blooms on long stems. Also known as common sunflower and annual sunflower. Pollenless. Single stem .	
SORAYA (<i>SUNFLOWER</i>)	NORTH AMERICA OPEN-POLLINATED	Larger flowers and thicker, sturdier stems. Branches are 35-48" and sport 4-6" blooms. May yield as many as 20-25 stems/plant.	
COUNTRY FAIR BLEND ZINNIAS	AMERICAS OPEN-POLLINATED	Warm-toned mix of pink, orange, purple, gold, and cream blooms. An excellent cut flower that blooms until frost; the more you cut the more they grow! 2-5" blooms ideal for borders and bouquets.	
SENSATION BLEND COSMOS	AMERICAS OPEN-POLLINATED	Blend of showy white, pink, magenta, and lavender blooms. Single flowers are 3-4" wide lovely in container plantings or bouquets.	
TORCH (<i>TITHONIA</i>)	AMERICAS OPEN-POLLINATED	3 1/2" wide flowers on strong branching plants with velvety dark green leaves. Attracts beneficial pollinators!	
INDIAN SUMMER (<i>BLACK EYED SUSAN</i>)	NORTH AMERICA OPEN-POLLINATED	Gigantic golden flowers. Semi-double and single blooms measure 4-7". Sturdy stems, vigorous branching. Attracts beneficial pollinators!	



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<p>BELLADONNA (<i>DELPHINIUM</i>)</p>	<p>AFRICA (NOT INVA-SIVE SPECIES) OPEN-POLLINATED</p>	<p>First year flowering perennial. Well-branched plants produce spikes in dark blue, turquoise, or white. Attracts bees and butterflies.</p>	
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<p>PAMPAS PLUME (<i>CELOSIA</i>)</p>	<p>AFRICA (NOT INVA-SIVE SPECIES) OPEN-POLLINATED</p>	<p>Perfect bouquet filler. Masses of soft, feathery, 2-6" long plumes in scarlet, orange, bright yellow, pink, cream. Multi-branching plants produce 10-14 stems each.</p>	
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<p>CHIEF MIX (<i>CELOSIA</i>)</p>	<p>AFRICA (NOT INVA-SIVE SPECIES) OPEN-POLLINATED</p>	<p>Colors include: dark red, carmine, rose, gold, and red and yellow bicolor. Great fresh or dried. Also known as cockscomb and crested cock's comb.</p>	
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<p>XERISCAPE MIX</p>	<p>EASTERN NORTH AMERICA OPEN-POLLINATED</p>	<p>Low maintenance native wild-flower mix, hardy annual and perennials included. Attracts beneficial pollinators!</p>	
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<p>SWEET ALYSSUM</p>	<p>EUROPE (NON-INVASIVE) OPEN-POLLINATED</p>	<p>Sweet Alyssum is fast and low growing, trouble free flower. It attracts beneficial pollinators!</p>	
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ORIGINS:

The physical origin of each plant is listed, some varieties have multiple origins. No plants in this sale are considered invasive species.

PLANT VARIETY TYPES:

Method from which plants are pollinated are described as the following:

OPEN-POLLINATION is when pollination occurs by insect, bird, wind, humans, or other natural mechanisms. These plants are more genetically diverse and express the most variation within plant populations.

HEIRLOOM variety is a plant that has a history of being passed down within a family or community. Heirlooms can often be identified by verifying and documenting generational history of preserving and passing on seeds.

HYBRID POLLINATION is a controlled method of pollination in which pollen of two different species or varieties is crossed by human intervention.

Source: <http://blog.seedsavers.org/blog/open-pollinated-heirloom-and-hybrid-seeds>

USDA ORGANIC PLANTS

All plants in our plant sale are certified organic. We start from high quality, organic seed sources and use organic soil and fertilizers to grow our plants.

