

Recommended Variety List for Southeastern Alaska

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Gardening for recreation and for food production is popular in Southeast Alaska, just as it is in the rest of the world. Our short cool growing season and high rainfall levels present gardening challenges, but we have relatively low pest levels and long days.

Although many kinds of fruit and vegetables will grow well in Southeast's climate, not all will give adequate yields. In general, the cool-season vegetables, such as potatoes, carrots and the cabbage family, thrive in our gardens while the warm season vegetables, such as beans, cucumbers and tomatoes, require protection.

One of the joys of gardening is discovering new varieties that are successful in your garden. Although there are many varieties that are not presented in the following charts that are worthy of your garden effort, the varieties listed have proven successful in Southeast Alaska. The recommendations for the varieties in the charts come primarily from Master Gardeners, commercial growers and local agricultural professionals.



Weather, soil type, nutrient levels and production strategies vary from garden to garden, so the performance of the varieties listed may vary from location to location. In general, the short-season varieties perform better than the long-season varieties. The warm-season vegetables are much more productive under high or low plastic tunnels.

The UAF Cooperative Extension Service publications *16 Easy Steps to Gardening in Alaska*, HGA-00134, *Raised Bed Gardening in Alaska*, HGA-00132, and *Gardening in Southeastern Alaska*, HGA-00237, are good publications to help get you started in producing some of your own fruits and vegetables. For Southeast locations such as Haines that have a climate more similar to that seen in Southcentral Alaska, consider the varieties listed in the Extension publication *Recommended Variety List for Southcentral Alaska*, HGA-00031.

Let us know how the varieties listed here performed in your garden or if we did not list varieties that performed well for you.



Garden Vegetables

Artichokes

Green Globe
Imperial Star
Violetto

Asparagus (use crowns, not seed)

Jersey Giant
Jersey Knight

Basil

Sweet
Siam Queen

Beans

(bush type)

Renegade
Jade
Venture
Contender — snap green pod
Provider — snap green pod

(pole type)

Kentucky Wonder
Blue Lake

Beets

Early Wonder
Detroit Red
Chiaggo (also called Candy-stripe)
Cylindra
Little Ball
Little Egypt
Formanova

Broccoli

Packman
Green Comet
Waltham 29
Arcadia
Fiesta
Belstar
Small Miracle

Brussels Sprouts

Jade Cross
Dwarf Improved

Cabbage

Early Jersey
Early Marvel
Golden Acre
Stonehead
Derby Day
Early Jersey Wakefield
Copenhagen Market Early
Earliana
Danish Ballhead
Ruby Ball
Savoy Perfection

(Chinese/Oriental)

China Express
Soloist

Carrots

Most varieties grow well

Cauliflower

Super Snowball
Early Snowball
Snow Crown
Candid Charm
Cheddar
Extra Early Snowball

Celery

Utah 52-70

Chives

Allium schoenoprasum varieties
Garlic chives — *A. tuberosum*

Cucumbers (perform better in a high tunnel or under row cover)

Sweet Success (standard)
Marketmore (slicing)
Superator (European type)
Faribo (European type)
Slice Master (standard)
Bush Champion (standard)
Orient Express
Homemade Pickles

Dill

Fernleaf
Bouquet

Fennel

Florence
Perfection (northern selection)
Bronze Smokey

Garlic

Spanish Roja
Music
Chesnook Red
Bavarian Purple
Northern White
Siberian
Bogatyr
Georgian Crystal
Romanian Red
Kilarney Red
Metechi

Greens

Fordhook Giant Chard
Green Wave Mustard
Seven Top Turnip
Collards (Vates)
Bulls Blood Beets
Baby bok choy (pak choi)
Arugula
French Sorrell

Kale (many varieties (e.g., White Russian, Red Russian, Winterbor))

Kohlrabi

Early Purple Vienna
Early White Vienna
Grand Duke
Superschmelz (giant type)

Jerusalem Artichoke (sunroot)

Most varieties grow well

Leeks

Musselburgh

Lettuce

(head type)

Ithaca
Premier Great Lakes
Great Lakes 659

(crisphead type)

Red Iceberg
Summertime
Reine des Glaces

(butterhead type)

Buttercrunch
Esmerelda

(romaine type)

Paris White
Flashy Trout's Back
Marshall
Little Gem
Outrageous

(loose leaf type)

Revolution
Oakleaf
Green Deer Tongue
Red Sails
Salad Bowl
Grand Rapids
Black Seeded Simpson
Mesclun salad blend
Hume's Gourmet Variety

Onion

Evergreen Bunching
Big Daddy
Red Zeppelin
Ailsa Craig
Red Bull

Parsley

Nearly all varieties do well

Parsnip

Hollow Crown Improved
All American
Andover
Gladiator

Peas

Alaska
Progress No. 9
Freezonian
Green Arrow
Tall Telephone (Alderman)
Dwarf Gray Sugar (edible pod snow)

Oregon Sugar Pod (bush snow)
Sugar Snap (edible pod pole)
Sugar Ann (edible pod bush)
Sugar Lace (edible pod bush)

Potato

(white)

Kennebec
Alasclear
Superior
Shepody
Alaska Frostless
Denali
Alaska 114
Green Mountain
Bake King

(russet)

Allagash
Hilat
Russet Ranger

(red skin)

Alaska Red
IditaRed
Red Pontiac

(yellow flesh)

Yellow Finn
Yukon Gold

(heirloom)

Ozette
Tlingit (local sources only)

Pumpkin (may grow in warmest areas)

Radish

Cherry Belle
Burpee White
Champion
Salad Rose
French Dressing
Easter Egg II
Early Scarlet Globe
French Breakfast

Rhubarb (many varieties perform well)

MacDonald
Victoria
Crimson Red

Spinach (many varieties are susceptible to bolting in Alaska)

Olympia
Tyee (bolt resistant)
Bloomsdale Longstanding
New Zealand spinach (bolt resistant, but not a true spinach)

Squash

(zucchini type)

Black Beauty (bush)
Gold Rush (yellow)
Burpee Hybrid
Caserta (cocozele)
Black Hawk
Partenon (parthenocarpic)

(green summer type)

Eight Ball
Giambo

(winter hubbard type)

Sweet Meat
Golden Hubbard (large)

(other types)

Gold Nugget (golden buttercup)
Vegetable Spaghetti (specialty)

Sweet corn (performs better in a high tunnel or under row cover)

(if outside consider)

Polar Vee
Earlievee

Swiss chard

Perpetual
Bright Lights
Fordhook Giant
Golden
Northern

Turnip

Purple Top White Globe
Golden Globe

Tomatoes (perform better in a high tunnel or under row cover)

(cold-tolerant varieties)

Early Tanana

Stupice

Sub Arctic 25

(very early varieties)

Early Girl

Glacier

Legend

Northern Exposure

Oregon Spring (parthenocarpic)

Balconi Red and Yellow

Northern Delight

Fourth of July

(other varieties)

Beaverlodge (Alberta variety)

Sun Gold (yellow, cherry type)

Small Fruits

Currant

Ben Alder (black)

Ben Sarek (black)

Ben Lomond (black)

Titania (black)

Consort (black)

Crandall (yellow flower)

Viking (red)

Minnesota 69 (red)

Rovada (red)

Gooseberry

Pixwell

Malling Invicta

Poorman

Lepaared

Captivator

Hinnomaki Red

Jostaberry (currant X gooseberry)

Kiwi

Ananasnaya

Issai

Actinida kolomita species

Lingonberry (native species)

Red Pearl

Koralle

Erntedank

Raspberry

Boyne

Chilliwack

Haida

Nova

Skeena

Amity

Autumn Britten

Summit

Strawberries

Hood

Suksan

Benton

Earliglow

Tribute

Fern

Salva

Quinault

Fort Laramie

Tristar

Eversweet

Tree Fruits

Apple

Yellow Transparent

Pristine

William's Pride

Gravenstein

Lodi

Tydemans Early

Sansa

Silken

Akane

Pristine

Cherry

Hartland (sweet)

Black Gold (sweet)

White Gold (sweet)

Lapins (sweet)

Montmorency (sour)

Republic (sour)

Crab Apple

Oregon (Western) *Malus fusca*

Centennial

Prunes

Shiro (Japanese)

Hollywood (Japanese)

Beauty (Japanese)

Early Laxton (early Italian)

Imperial Epineuse (early Italian)

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