

*Fort Bend County
Master Gardeners*

2026 Vegetable-Herb Plant Sale



Vegetable and herb plants expected to be available during the sale.

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Tomato Growth Habit Key:

Determinate habit (D): Bush type growth. The plant stops growing when the fruit sets. The majority of fruit develops over a shorter time which is good for canning.

Indeterminate habit (I): Vine type growth. Best grown with stakes or in cages. Fruit develops continuously throughout the season.

Tomato Disease Resistance Key:

V - Resistant to Verticillium Wilt;

FF - Races 1 & 2;

RKN-Resistant to Root Knot Nematodes;

St - Resistant to Stemphylium Gray Leaf Spot;

F - Resistant to Fusarium Wilt;

TMV - Resistant to Tobacco Mosaic Virus;

ASC - Resistant to Alternaria Stem Canker

EB - Resistant to Early Blight;

LB - Resistant to Late Blight

TSWV - Resistant to Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus

Did you know? A tomato is really a fruit.

<http://vric.ucdavis.edu/main/faqs.htm>

A vegetable is the edible portion of a plant. Vegetables are usually grouped according to the portion of the plant that is eaten such as leaves (lettuce), stem (celery), roots (carrot), tubers (potato), bulbs (onion) and flowers (broccoli).

A fruit is the mature ovary of a plant. So a tomato is botanically a fruit but is commonly considered a vegetable. According to this definition squash, pepper and eggplants are also fruits. Then there are seeds such as peas which are also considered vegetables.

**Varieties for sale are recommended by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
and Fort Bend County Master Gardeners**

TOMATOES

Large

BELLA ROSA—Large, Determinate, VFFASStSWV Plant produces high yields of large bright red tomatoes that are round, firm, and highly flavorful. A good balance of acid and sugar. Heat tolerant variety which does well in hot humid areas. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in. apart.

BETTER BOY — Large, Indeterminate, VFNASt A spectacular, midseason variety with plump, juicy, deep red tomatoes that often weigh more than one pound. Once they arrive they just keep on coming! Fruits are extremely flavorful, with flesh that's juicy, yet firm. Heavy foliage protects fruits from sun-scald. Thrives in nearly any climate. Excellent disease resistance. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in. apart.

BIG BEEF —Very Large, Indeterminate, VFFNTASSt Good for containers & small gardens, compact plant produces large, meaty fruit, weighing 8 to 12 oz. Great flavor, early yields. Their flavor is excellent, and the plants thrive in almost any type of climate. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in. apart.

BRANDYWINE—HEIRLOOM, Large, Indeterminate, LB Dating back to the 1880s. Potato leaf plant with good yields of extra-large up to 1-1/2 lbs, clear-skinned, light rosy-pink fruit. Considered one of the world's best-flavored tomatoes. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in. apart.

Medium

CELEBRITY—Medium, Semi-Determinate, VFFNTA Vigorous, disease resistant, high yields and exceptionally flavorful fruit. Medium sized, globe-shaped fruits are crack-resistant and average 7 oz. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in. apart.

CHARGER—Medium, Determinate, VFFFASt YLCV—An excellent variety that takes charge of disease resistance - featuring strong disease resistance to Yellow Leaf Curl Virus. Brilliant red, oblate, 8 to 10 oz., fruits are very firm with good flavor that is high in sugar and low in acid. A high yielding salad variety that's perfect for home gardens. Crack resistant. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24-36in. apart.

EARLY GIRL—Medium, Indeterminate, VFF Matures extra-early in the season! Meaty, red fruits, 4 to 6 oz., slightly flattened & bright crimson throughout. Very appealing, with firm texture and blemish-resistant skin. Heavy yields on hardy vines. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in. apart.

HOMESTEAD—HEIRLOOM, Medium, Determinate, FA Great for hot, humid coastal regions in the South. This variety sets large crops even in hot weather. Fruits are medium-large, very smooth, red, meaty and flavorful. Yields of 8 to 12 oz. red tomatoes. Perfect for sandwiches, salads, slicing, and canning. Large vines offer good foliage cover. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in. apart.

PATIO (Red)—Medium, Determinate, FASSt Perfect for container gardening or limited space. Vines are extremely compact, yet produce medium-sized, deep oblate fruits that are smooth, firm and flavorful. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in. apart.

SAN MARZANO—HEIRLOOM, Roma, Medium, Indeterminate, VRKNTMV Old-style Italian Roma offers big yields of large Roma type fruit that hang in large clusters. Bright red fruit measures 3-1/2 to 4" in length with firm flesh and open seed cavity and very few seeds. The fruit's mild and pleasant tomato flavor is prized for cooking down into sauces and purees and is famous for canning. San Marzano tomatoes hold well on the vine and in storage. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 12-36in. apart. **Tip:** Heat and humidity tolerant.

Cherry/Grape

BUMBLE BEE PINK—Cherry, Indeterminate Excellent sweet flavor, these 1½ inch round cherry tomatoes are dark pink striped with yellow, making them a great choice for fresh tomato salads. Vigorous vines yield crack-resistant fruit over a very long season. Fruit develops on strong plants but staking or caging will support their vining habit. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in apart.

JULIET—Grape, Indeterminate, EB Clusters of unusual, sweet-flavored fruits cling to the vine longer than any other cherry tomato. Glossy, red-skinned, crack resistant fruits weigh 1 oz. 1999 All American Selection Winner. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24-36in. apart.

SUN GOLD—Cherry, Indeterminate, VFNT Very sweet, bright orange cherry tomatoes taste sugary, fruity and delicious. Vigorous growers, these tall plants bear long clusters of fruit. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in. apart.

SUPER SWEET 100—Cherry, Indeterminate, VFF Popular cherry with long strands, each with up to 100 or more 1-inch, 1-oz., bright red, extra sweet cherry tomatoes. High in Vitamin C. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24in. -36in. apart. **Tip:** Needs staking or caging.

YELLOW PEAR—HEIRLOOM, Cherry, Indeterminate, F(1,2)V Very sweet, 1½-2 in. yellow, pear-shaped fruit has a mild flavor, and is great for fresh eating or for making tomato preserves. Very productive plants are easy to grow. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 24-36in. **Height:** 36-48in. **Tip:** Best grown on a trellis.

PEPPERS

Banana

SWEET BANANA—Banana Profuse harvests of 5-1/2 to 6 inches long, tapered peppers that are wonderful fried or cut up into salads. Light green at first, then turn yellow and orange, and finally ripen to red. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 18-24in. apart. **Height:** Compact plants.

Bell

BIG BERTHA—Sweet Extra-large, mostly 4-lobed, fruits mature up to a full 7 inches long by 3-1/2in. across, turning deep green to red, with full-season fruiting. Resists Tobacco Mosaic Virus. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 12-18in. apart. **Height:** Upright plants grow 25 to 30in.

CALIFORNIA WONDER—HEIRLOOM One of the oldest and largest heirloom bell peppers available. First introduced by California growers around 1928. Tall, sturdy plants produce good yields of blocky, thick-walled fruits. A delicious green pepper that ripens to a vibrant red. The crisp, thick flesh offers a mild pleasant flavor. **Light:** 8-12 hours of Sun. **Spacing:** 14-18in. apart. **Uses:** Perfect for salads, stuffing or added to soup. High in vitamins A and C. **Tips:** Peppers often appreciate a bit of afternoon shade during the hottest summer weather. When plants are 6 inches in height use a balanced fertilizer to increase production. Plant hot and sweet peppers in separate areas to avoid cross-pollination. Pick peppers regularly for increased yields.

CANDY CANE RED—Sweet

These unique sweet peppers will stand out in the garden. Elongated 3-1/2" to 4" by 1-1/4" to 1-3/4", fruits ripen from green with creamy white stripes to solid red. Thin walls and crispy texture make it perfect for fresh eating at any stage of ripeness. Plants have variegated foliage giving them an ornamental look. Ideal for patio containers and small space gardening. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing** 12-18" apart. **Height:** 18".

GYPSY—Sweet Italian All American Select Winner. Extremely early, heavy producer of wedge-shaped, tasty peppers with sturdy walls and crunchy, firm, sweet flesh. A very reliable yield all season long. Suitable for containers. Highly disease resistant. Tobacco Mosaic Virus resistant. Changes from Yellow-Green to Orange-Red. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 12-18in. apart. **Height:** 18in.

JUPITER—Sweet A long-time favorite reintroduced. Large, blocky 4-lobed, sweet-flavored fruits with thick green walls, ripen to red. Widely adapted and Tobacco Mosaic Virus tolerant. Sturdy plants with dense leaf canopy that protects high yields. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 18-24in. **Height:** 30in. **Uses:** Great for stuffing and freezing.

Hot

ANAHEIM—Hot One of the most popular chili peppers. Two-celled, medium-hot fruits, with medium thick dark green flesh, ripening to bright red. Continuous bearing, high yielding, vigorous plants are bushy and upright. **Scoville Heat Units:** 500 to 2,500. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 12-18in. apart. **Height:** 24-30in..

ANCHO / POBLANO—Medium Hot Moderately pungent, heart shape peppers 3-5 inches long, turning from green to red. When ripened to red and dried, this pepper is known as an 'Ancho'; it is also used green, as a 'Poblano', for making chiles rellenos, remove skin if using fresh. An attractive shiny green with a thick flesh which makes it ideal for stuffing, roasting, drying, or used in mole. Pick first fruits when they reach usable size, to help accelerate the growth of the other peppers on the plant. Leave some on to mature and color. **Scoville Heat Units:** 1000 to 2,000 (mild). **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 12-18in. apart.

CAYENNE LARGE THICK RED— Hot Quite hot, thick-fleshed fruits, 6 by 3/4 inches. A favorite for using dried, pickled or in sauces. Concentrated sets of pendant fruits - wrinkled, tapered and curved - are borne on strong upright plants. Ripens from a lustrous dark green to a brilliant scarlet. **Scoville Heat Units:** 30,000 to 50,000. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 18-24in. apart.

HABANERO ORANGE—Very Hot Chili The original habanero strain. Among the very hottest ever measured. Reportedly 1,000 times hotter than Jalapeno. High yielding lantern-shaped, 1 by 1-1/2 inch pods, with thin, wrinkled light green flesh, ripen to a lovely golden orange. A favorite for sauces. **Scoville Heat Units:** 100,000-350,000. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 18-24in. apart. **Height:** 36in.

JALAPENO EARLY— Hot Ideal for Mexican dishes. Deep green sausage shaped fruits, 3-1/2 by 1-1/2 inches, turn red when mature and are also perfect for pickling. Compact, non-brittle bushes. **Scoville Heat Units:** 2,000 to 4,500. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 18-24in. apart.

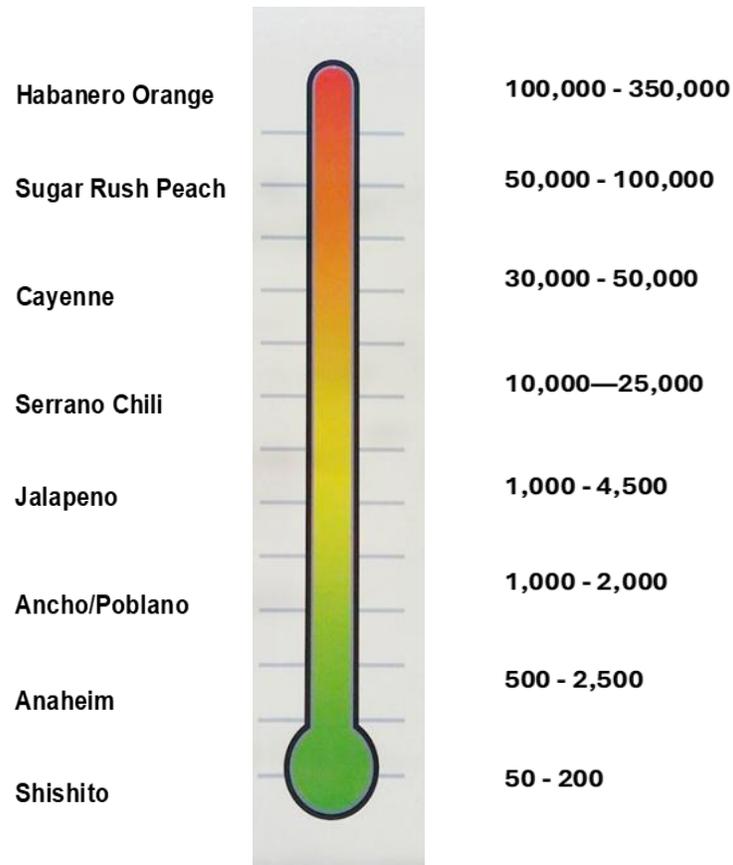
JALAPENO TAM— Mildly Hot This mildly pungent pepper matures early, and is just right for pickling. This variety is about half as hot as a regular jalapeno with the same size, shape, flavor, and more productive. Semi-compact, plants yield plenty of the cylindrical fruits, medium green to red. **Scoville Heat Units:** 1,000. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 12-18in. apart. **Height:** 22-24in.

SERRANO CHILI—Very Hot A very hot pepper that can be used red or green. Flavorful peppers are perfect for chili sauce, salsa, hot pepper vinegar and pickles. Vigorous plants are covered with 2in. thin-walled fruits. **Scoville Heat Units:** 10,000 to 25,000. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 12-18in. apart. **Height:** 18in.

SHISHITO—Mild Plants are large and very productive. Peppers average 3-3 1/2 inches long with thin walls. Transplant when temperatures are approx. 70°F day and night. Peppers grow best in warm soil. **Scoville Heat Units:** 50-200 SHU. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 12-18in. apart. **Water:** Peppers thrive in well-drained, fertile soils. Add water when planting in the ground to ensure moist soil. Add water when soil feels dry to the touch, do not over water. **Harvest:** Pick peppers when green or wait until they turn red. Picking full size peppers will encourage further fruit set. **Uses:** Excellent in tempura, stir-fries, or sauteed. May be eaten raw as well. **Tip:** 1 in 10 Shishito pepper may be hot.

SUGAR RUSH PEACH—Sweet Hot Pepper Amazing fruity flavor and some fire too! A great snack pepper. The long, peach-colored fruit is packed with loads of super sweet, tropical flavors, and the seeds bring a smoky, complex heat. Super early, high yields of these exquisite sweet-hot peppers. **Scoville Heat Units:** 50,000-100,000. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 14-18in. **Tip:** Not frost hardy.

Scoville Heat Units for peppers being sold



EGGPLANT

ANTIGUA—HEIRLOOM This variety is creamy white with lilac-purple streaks. The 2 x 6 inch fruits have extremely mild & bitter free flesh. Prolific production. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 18in. apart. **Height:** 30-36in.

BLACK BEAUTY - The fruit resembles black teardrops because both the skin and the calyx are a deep black with a purplish tinge. There are probably others but this maybe the only eggplant with a black calyx. Produces unusually tender fruit on vigorous plants. Sets fruit early (even in cool weather) and also is best picked early. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 18in. apart. **Height:** 3ft.

PINGTUNG LONG - Bred to be resistant to many diseases, as well as tolerant to wet and hot conditions, this slender violet-purple eggplant grows to at least 12 inches long and has an excellent mild flavor and tender white flesh. This variety thrives and produces continuous, large harvests despite summer heat and humidity. Great for slicing and using in Asian or other cuisine. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 18in. apart. **Height:** 24in.

OTHER VEGETABLES

MORINGA—DWARF A fast growing, drought resistant tree that is an important food source in some parts of the world. It grows year-round in tropical and subtropical climates. The tree will die back with a freeze but re-grows reliably from roots. Tolerates a variety of soils - sandy to clay. Fragrant flowers attract bees for pollination. **Light:** Full Sun. **Height:** Can be kept at 4-6ft, prune or pinch to maintain desired height. **Harvest:** Leaves, pods and seeds. **Uses:** Immature green pods (drumsticks) are prepared similarly to green beans. Remove seeds from mature pods and cook like peas, roasted like nuts or added to soups. Leaves are cooked and used like spinach, also dried and powdered for use as condiments. Add leaves to salad dressing, guacamole, baked dishes, soups, smoothies, or steeped as a tea. Leaves are rich in protein, iron, calcium, amino acids and vitamins, and retain vitamins and minerals when dried.

SWISS CHARD—BRIGHTLIGHTS A 1998 All-America Award Winner. Bright Lights is almost neon in appearance. The leaves are green, with veins of vibrant color, red, orange, or yellow running through them. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 10-15in. apart. **Harvest:** Remove outer leaves starting at 6in. **Uses:** Add young raw leaves in a salad or briefly cook mature leaves to maintain their color. Use the leaves and center ribs cooked or raw. **Tips:** Great for planting in an ornamental edible garden for color effect.

HERBS

BASIL – EMERALD TOWER— A tidy plant, Emerald Towers, has a stately upright columnar habit and offer extensive season-long harvests of traditional Genovese-flavored dark green, glossy leaves. The flowers are delayed up to 10 weeks later than standard basil. **Light:** Full sun. **Spacing:** 8-12in. apart. **Height/Width:** 24-36in. / 12-18in. **Harvest:** Start when the plants are 6-8in., picking leaves as needed. Harvest often to keep the plant producing new leaves. Freeze or dry to preserve. **Uses:** Culinary and medicinal, flowers attract pollinators and beneficials. **Care:** Plants need fertile soil, amend with compost and/or add organic fertilizer. Basil does not like to dry out, keep well-watered for optimum growth, mulching will help retain moisture. Prefers moist, well-drained soil. **Tips:** Can be grown in containers, in-ground, or grown hydroponically. The plants are also resistant to downy mildew and fusarium. Pinch seedlings back to encourage branching and increase leaf production. Pinching off the flowers helps the plant continue producing leaves.

BASIL– GENOVESE–ITALIAN LARGE LEAF Shiny leaves are of average size, and heavily ribbed and pointed. The heavy yields of fragrant foliage are truly classical Italian. Great for Mediterranean dishes and making pesto. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 12in. apart. **Height:** 24in.

BASIL—THAI Plants are very compact, great for containers. The purple stems, large dark green leaves, and pink-violet flowers make for a lovely plant with a tangy flavor plus a spicy hint of licorice. Thai basil is an early maturing variety. **Light:** Full Sun. **Spacing:** 18in. apart. **Height:** 10 to 12in.

CILANTRO—LONG STANDING SANTO This variety has an excellent flavor, improved leafiness and, as the name infers, it is slow to bolt in warmer weather. **Light:** Sun/Part Shade. **Height:** 12in.–24in. **Width:** 6"–12". **Harvest:** Foliage flavor is best before the leaves turn feathery and plants begin to flower. Seeds should be harvested after they begin to turn brown and when outer coat cracks, but before they drop off the plant and scatter. Cut stem and place in a brown paper sack to collect the seeds. Rubbing the seeds will cause the outer shell to drop off. **Uses:** Add a sprig to chicken soup or add chopped leaves to Mexican, Caribbean, or Asian dishes. The crushed seeds add intriguing flavor to stews, beans, and cookies. **Tips:** Grows well in containers and attracts beneficial insects.

OREGANO—GREEK This oregano has the true flavor that we have come to associate with pizza sauce and other Italian dishes. Add the pungent green leaves to recipes for great flavor. Form is upright with a low-growing spreading habit. Grows well in containers. **Light:** Full sun. **Height:** 6-8in.

PARSLEY—FLAT LEAF Also called Italian parsley, its uses are similar to the curly variety but the flavor is a bit stronger. Plants produce sprigs of large, flat leaves all season. **Light:** Sun to part shade. **Height:** 1ft. **Uses:** Preferred herb in Italian cooking. **Tips:** Plant in fall or spring. Frost tolerant.

SALAD BURNET This pretty perennial produces white or rosy flowers. Keeps growing from fall through summer, may die back with cold temps but will return. **Light:** Sun/Shade. **Height:** 12-18in. **Uses:** Leaves are used in salads for their cucumber-like flavor. A real find for those who love the taste of cucumber, but find it somewhat difficult to digest. **Tip:** An excellent low border plant in the garden.

THYME – FRENCH Softly mounding plant of cascading gray-green leaves is a good accent in every garden. Intensely aromatic thyme is indispensable in all kinds of savory dishes throughout France, Italy and Greece and enhances both Cajun and Creole food. **Light:** Full Sun. **Height:** 8 – 2in. **Harvest:** Given a sunny location with good drainage, plants are reliable, productive and long-lived garden perennials. Cut back foliage halfway after blossoms fade to keep plants looking fresh. Cut leafy thyme sprigs as needed once plants are well established. **Uses:** The spicy leaves blend well with the flavors of lemon, garlic, basil, and parsley for seasoning vegetables, seafood and poultry. **Tips:** Thyme is easy to freeze or dry. Frost hardy. Attracts butterflies & bees.

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**BEANS: 30 seeds—PROVIDER BUSH GREEN BEANS
CUCUMBER—2 VARIETIES**

5 seeds– BUSH PICKLE

5 seeds– STRAIGHT EIGHT

SQUASH—2 VARIETIES

5 seeds– EARLY STRAIGHTNECK YELLOW

5 seeds– BLACK BEAUTY ZUCCHINI

OKRA: -- 5 seeds– CLEMSON SPINELESS

PROVIDER BUSH GREEN BEANS

Bush beans are strong, erect plants & typically do not need staking. Beans are string-less, and can be harvested at any point in growth with full color or flavor. Acceptable yields even when stressed by heat or cold. Pack contains enough seeds to plant 1(one) 12ft. row or 2 (two) - 6ft. rows.

BUSH PICKLE CUCUMBER

Sweet, crisp & crunchy, perfect for salads or pickles. Straight & cylindrical size (4-5in.). Resemble mini dills. Great for home garden or container.

STRAIGHT EIGHT CUCUMBER

A classic favorite, this cucumber has excellent flavor, even dark-green color and white flesh. Uniform 8x 2in. fruit have small seed masses. Trellis for best shape.

CLEMSON SPINELESS OKRA

A very early, high yielding okra. Great size for small gardens or large containers. Tolerates clay soil, loves heat and humidity.

EARLY STRAIGHTNECK YELLOW SQUASH

Bush-like plants provide abundant fruits with sunny yellow skin. An AAS winner in 1938, became a standard in many home gardens since then.

BLACK BEAUTY ZUCCHINI SQUASH

All American Selections Winner in 1957. Black Beauty Zucchini features fruit that is green with greyish-black tone. Blocky, smoothly bulbed with open plant habit.

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