

## SQUASH 2023

<b>Key: F1=F1 Hybrid, OP=Open Pollinated</b>			
<u>NAME</u>	<u>DAYS TO MATURITY</u> *	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
<b>SUMMER SQUASH</b>			
<b><u>Zucchini</u></b>			
Aristocrat	50-53 days	Loads of straight, smooth, dark green fruits set higher on plants for easy picking; AAS in 1973	F1
Black Beauty	50-60 days	Glossy, blackish green; best picked at 5-7 in.; compact habit; AAS in 1957	OP
Burpee's Best Hybrid	40 days	Vigorous, spine free plants, excellent yields of thin-skinned, medium-green fruits; buttery flavor; early harvest; best flavor at 6-8 in.	F1
Cocozelle	55-58 days	Italian heirloom, first available in 1885; beautiful fruit, green and light green striped, slightly ridged; flesh is firm and white with nutty flavor, small seeds; plant is large and bushy: 24-36 in. high x 36-48 in. wide; best flavor at 6-8 in. long, freezes well	Heirloom, OP
Eight Ball	50 days	Dark green, shiny, round fruit; tastiest at billiard ball size; flavorful and perfect for grilling (won't fall through grate) or stuffing; open bush plant; long picking season; 1999 AAS winner	F1
Gold Rush	45-52 days	True zucchini with beautiful golden yellow, smooth, straight fruit on small, open, bush type plants - easy to see, easy to harvest; very productive plants	F1
Spacemiser	50 days	Bright green zucchini on small (18 in. x 24 in.), space-saving plants, yields are high, and open, bushy plants make picking easy; great for <b>container</b> or small garden	F1
<b><u>Crookneck</u></b>			
Golden Summer (Bumpy)	42-50 days	High yields of meaty, firm, fine-textured fruits, bumpy and bright yellow with curved necks; best picked 4-6 in. long; freezes well; bush-type plant	OP
Gold Star (Smooth)	50-60 days	Smooth, glossy yellow with curved neck; best at 4-6 in.; good fried, steamed, baked, raw; fine for freezing; compact plants; tremendous yields	F1
<b><u>Patty Pan</u></b>			
Early White Bush	49 days	Creamy white skin and scalloped edges, with tender white interior; bush-type plants	OP
Peter Pan	50 days	Scalloped, light green fruits, meaty and flavorful; vigorous, bush-type plants produce over long period; AAS in 1982	F1
Sunburst	50-55 days	Yellow with scalloped edges; tender, mild white flesh; bushy growth habit; best harvested at 3-4 in. wide; AAS in 1985	F1
<b><u>Other Types of Summer Squash</u></b>			
Tromboncino	65-80 days	Italian heirloom; light-green, long and curving with bulbous end, all the seeds are in the bulb; best at 8-10 in., can grow to 36 in.; vines more than most summer squashes; trellis for straighter fruit	Heirloom; OP
Zephyr	54 days	Straight-neck; unique two-tone fruits, yellow with lime-green blossom ends; firm flesh, nice nutty flavor, best at 4-6 in.; big, open, bushy plant	F1

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<b><u>WINTER SQUASH</u></b>			
<b><u>Acorn</u></b>			
Carnival	85 days	A very colorful acorn squash, with splashes of green, cream, gold, and yellow on a deeply ridged fruit; flesh is gold, with smooth, nutty, sweet flavor; vines are semi-bush and extremely productive	F1
Honey Bear	85 days	Delicious, sweet and starchy, 4 in. mini-acorn, weighs 1-1.25 lbs., perfect for single servings; compact bush resists powdery mildew; 3-4 fruits per plant	F1
Table King (Bush)	65-75	Vigorous, bush-type plants produce dark green, 5 in. x 6 in. fruits with thick, fiberless orange flesh; AAS in 1974	OP
Table Queen (Vine)	80 days	High yields of deeply ribbed, olive-green fruits with thin, hard shells, on vigorous 4-6 ft. vines; sweet, dry, golden flesh, excellent for baking; mature fruit 5-6 in. x 4-4.5 in., 1-3 lb.; great keeper - flesh turns more orange in storage; AAS winner 1939	Heirloom; OP
<b><u>Butternut</u></b>			
Early	80 days	Smooth yellow/tan skin, fine-textured orange flesh; semi-compact plants; very long storage; AAS in 1979	F1
Honeynut	110 days	Sweet mini butternut, 5 in. long and 1-1.5 lbs., easily grown on a trellis, mildew resistant vines	OP
Waltham	90-105 days	8-10 in. long, 4-5 lbs. with creamy tan skin and fine golden flesh; heavy producer, exceptional keeper; AAS in 1970	OP
<b><u>Delicata</u></b>			
Bush Delicata	80 days	Oval, 8 in. long fruit striped white and green; thick, deep yellow flesh with sweet, nutty flavor; compact 3-4 ft. vine; improved yields and disease resistance compared to heirloom Delicata; stores well	OP
Delicata	95-100 days	Sweet, delicate, golden flesh; 1.5-2 lbs., 7-9 in. oblong, thin creamy skin with green stripes; good for stuffing, baking; no curing necessary, long keeper	Heirloom, OP
<b><u>Hubbard</u></b>			
Chicago Warty	105 days	Deep-green, warty, 15 in. long with orange-yellow flesh; excellent for pies, canning; good keeper	OP
New England Blue	100-110 days	Large and oval, 20 in. long and up to 45 lbs., with pebbly, blue-gray rind and smooth, deep-yellow flesh; keeps very well	Heirloom, OP
<b><u>Kabocha</u></b>			
Sunshine	95-100 days	Flattened, 3-5 lb. squash with vivid red-orange rind and fine orange flesh that's sweet, nutty, not fibrous; great for baking, mashing, pies, good raw too; AAS in 2004	F1
Sweet Mama	85 days	Glossy, dark-green, 3 lb. fruits with very sweet, nutty, yellow flesh; long storage; AAS in 1979; bush habit, great for small gardens	F1

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<u>Other Types of Winter Squash</u>			
Bon Bon Buttercup	81-95 days	Greenish-black, flattened, turban-shaped, 4-5 lb. fruits with sweet, smooth, golden flesh; semi-bushing plants tolerate powdery mildew; stores very well; AAS in 2005	F1
Pink Banana	105-120 days	Jumbo, torpedo-shaped, pink-blushed yellow squash can reach 30 in. and 50 lbs.; sweet, tender, orange-yellow flesh	Heirloom, OP
Spaghetti	70-110 days	8-10 in. oblong, 2-3 lb. squash with mild-tasting, spaghetti-like interior, great served with sauce and grated cheese; stores well	OP
Sweet Dumpling	100 days	Small, 1/2 lb., 4 in., teacup-shaped; ivory with green stripes and sweet orange flesh; single-serving size, fine for stuffing and baking; excellent for storage	OP
Sweet Meat	105 days	Round, 10 lb. +, hard-shelled blue-grey squash with deep orange, sweet, dry, thick, stringless flesh; superb keeper - sweetens over time; excellent for baking, soups, squash recipes, pies; vigorous, 10 ft. vines	Heirloom, OP
<b>Companions for Squash</b>		To repel squash bugs: onions, garlic (and garlic spray-made by soaking garlic in water), radishes, borage, feverfew, nasturtiums, sweet potatoes; mulch with onion, garlic, lavender cuttings; dust with diatomaceous earth in the center of the plant; spray with garden hose in center of plant-the bugs will come out of hiding and you can pop them into a bucket of soapy water. Squash is said to like corn and beans, peas, cucumbers, melon, marigolds, oregano, dill, parsley, and to dislike regular potatoes.	