

**TGS, February 2017**  
**Vegetable Varieties for Payne County**

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**Cool-Season** (Kim says for Spring plantings of annuals, pay attention to maturity time. Save longer-maturing vegetables like broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower for fall)

**Asparagus**

- Purple Passion (Whitmore Farms: better yields than green including UC157); UC 157 & UC 157F<sub>2</sub> (Lynn, Ray, Sara)

**Beet**

- Beet: Ruby Queen (Sara, Ray); Detroit Dark Red (Sara, Pam)

**Chard**

- Ruby Red (Pam)

**Spinach**

- Monstreux de Viroflay (LeeAnn)
- Space, Olympia (Ray's favorites: "They are smooth leaved, tender, early maturing, slow to bolt and excellent for spring or fall. Both are very good as "baby spinach" in spring salads.")
- Spring planting: Bolero, Baker, Catalina, Olympia; fall planting: Fall Green, Samish (Lynn)

**Broccoli**

- Calabrese, Green Comet (Ray: "Performs for me much better as a fall crop if plants are available or if I start my on by seed. With row covers I can have broccoli usually through Nov.")
- Raab and Happy Rich gai lan broccoli (Kim)

**Cabbage**

- Dutch Flat and Dutch Round (Pam)

**Cauliflower**

- Snow Crown (Pam)

**Kale**

- Blue Curled Scotch, not dwarfing (Windy Acres, LeeAnn); Red Russian (Rosemary, Dana); Wild Kale Mix (Rosemary); Lacinato (Sara)

**Radish**

- Red Meat, Winter Green Heart, Rat's Tail (Jacqui); Cherry Belle (Pam)

**Carrots**

- Napoli F1 for Sept/Oct planting, Bolero F1 for spring (Cimarron Wilderness)
- Red Cored Chantenay (LeeAnn); Tender Sweet (Pam); Nantes half-long (Sara)

**Lettuce** (Randy: plant in blocks to reduce soil splatter)

- Black Seeded Simpson (Randy, Pam, Ray); Ray says, "It is very dependable, early to harvest, and flavorful, but also is quick to bolt and prone to bitterness as it matures")
- Leaf Lettuce Blend from Tri\*Star and Greenseed, available at the STW Mill (Randy)

- Lolla Rossa, Starfighter (Windy Acres); Winter Density (LeeAnn); Buttercrunch, (Ray, Jacqui, Lynn); Red Romaine (Jacqui)
- Grand Rapids, Salad Bowl, and Ruby Red (Ray); Green Towers, Vulcan, Waldman's Green, Red Sails, Grand Rapids (Lynn)

### **Onion**

- Granex series (Randy, Ray, Lynn); Texas 1015Y (Windy Acres, Ray, Lynn)
  - Candy (Ray says "White Granex is good as a "green onion" or scallion but does not store as well for me as the Candy or Texas 1015. They are my choices for mature onions to store.")
- Bunching Ishikura, White Spear (Jacqui)

### **Potato**

- Red La Soda (Whitmore Farms, Windy Acres); Red Pontiac, Kennebec, Red Norland, Yukon Gold (Pam); Purple Majesty (Sara)

### **Strawberries**

- Eversweet Everbearing (Sara)

### **Warm-Season**

#### **Bean**

- Contender bush (LeeAnn, Ray, Pam); Bush Blue Lake (Ray: "early, very productive and good for fresh or processing")
- Top Crop bush (Ray, Pam); Royal Burgundy bush (Jacqui); Kentucky Wonder pole, Pinto bush (Sara)
- Beer Friend edamame (Kim); Yard-long (Jacqui, Rosemary); Pinkeye Purple Hull southern pea (Pam)

#### **Corn (plant in blocks for pollination)**

- Bicolor, Merit (Pam)

#### **Cucumbers (Kim: "burpless or non-bitter have less of the chemical that attracts cucumber beetles")**

- Painted Serpent (Armenian, LeeAnn); Suyo, Dragon's Egg, Muncher (Jacqui); Eureka Hybrid (self-Pollinating; for pickling or slicing), Marketmore 80 (slicer), Spacemaster (for small spaces) (Ray); Marketmore, Straight Eight, Sumter Pickling (Pam)

#### **Squash**

- Lioness F1 yellow summer (Whitmore Farms)
- Summer (Costata Romanesco, Striata d' Italia); hard (tatume – squash borer tolerant)(Jacqui)
- Summer Squash: Early Prolific straight neck or Pic N Pic yellow crookneck (Ray)
- Yellow Early Prolific Straightneck, Green and Gray Zucchini, Patty Pan, Butternut (Pam)
- Butternut (LeeAnn)
- Kim: yellow more susceptible than green to squash bugs, green 'Cocozelle' is susceptible; avoid blue hubbard

#### **Melon**

- Green Nutmeg, Charentais, Prescott Fond Blanc (Jacqui); Hales Best Jumbo cantaloupe; Crimson Sweet & Sugar Baby watermelon (Pam); Bush Sugar Baby (Sara)

#### **Okra**

- Red Burgundy (Glen), Star David, Perkins, Hill Country Red (Jacqui); Clemson Spineless 80 (Pam); Emerald (Sara)

#### **Eggplant**

- Thai long green (Kim); Black Baby, Thai Green (Jacqui); Black Beauty (Pam)

#### **Pepper**

- Bell: King Arthur F1, California Wonder (Windy Acres)

- Jalapeno, ancho-poblano, Hungarian wax (LeeAnn)
- Carmen (small sweet), Cubanelle/Italian sweet (sweet and spicy)(Kim)
- Sweet: Jimmy Nardello, Red Cheese, Alma, Fooled You Jalapeno; hot: Bird's Eye, Scotch Bonnet, Lemon Drop, Black Cayenne, Fish, Pasilla (Jacqui)
- Big Daddy, Cabernet, Blushing Beauty, and Flavorburst (Rosemary)
- Sweet: Super Heavyweight, Goliath, Big Bertha, Sweet Banana Bill, Goliath Gentle Giant Cubanelle; hot: Biggie Chili (Anaheim), Goliath Jalapeno, Field's Grande Jalapeno, Big Boss Man (ancho-poblano), Ancho Magnifico (poblano), Cayenne Large Red (Pam)
- Blazing Banana (Sara)

### Tomatoes

- Cherokee Purple (Windy Acres, Jacqui, Ray, Delaney)
- Early Girl (Sara; Pam; Ray says "I always include a few plants of Early Girl. It is a true early maturing variety, flavorful, disease resistant, and I have found to be the most consistent in fruit set during hot weather than any other variety. The fruit may be small in mid and late summer, but it does continue to set fruit somewhat.)
- Beefmaster, Better Boy, Mortgage Lifter (Pat)
- Black Krim, Arkansas Traveler (Windy Acres)
- Celebrity F1, Big Beef F1, Sweet Tangerine F1 (Cimarron Wild)
- Peron Sprayless, Jersey Devil (paste), Chocolate Cherry, Heinz (LeeAnn)
- Jelly Bean Yellow and Red (Kim: both produce in heat)
- Bumblebee, Mexico Midget, Roman Candle, Chocolate Cherry, Black Cherry, Prince Borghese, Snow White, Nyagous (Jacqui)
  - Better Boy, Celebrity, Champion, Jet Star (Ray)
  - TumblerTom (patio), Yellow Pear, SuperSweet 100, Supersauce, RomaVF (Sara)
  - Juliet, SuperSweet 100 (Cheryl)
  - Dinner plate, Mortgage lifter, Yellow Cherry (Delaney)
  - Super Fantastic, Jersey Devil, Juliet (Rosemary)
  - Low acid: Lemon Boy, SunSugar Cherry (yellow tomatoes); slicers: Better Boy, Early Girl, Celebrity, Park Whoppers, Jetstar; canning: Beef Master, Beef Steak, Park's Beefy Boy, Goliaths Original, Old-Fashioned Goliaths, Steakhouse (Pam)