



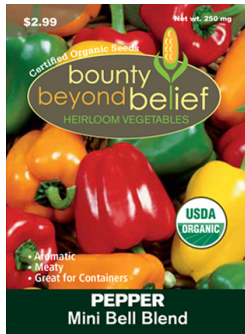
## WHAT'S NEW IN 2015?

Even as we bemoan the drifts of snow and the winter rains outside our windows, the days are getting longer and sunsets noticeably later. Ready or not, the time to start ordering seed for this season's garden is upon us.

Here is a small sampling of the many exciting new varieties, seed mixes, and favorite heirlooms available from Home Garden Seed Association (HGSA) members. Shop our members here, or at [www.ezfromseed.com](http://www.ezfromseed.com).

So go ahead: Peruse, plan, order, and sow – in that order!

### What's New in Vegetables?



**Mini Bell Pepper Blend** is a festive and exciting blend of organic mini bell peppers, sweet and aromatic, with thick walls, great for salads, snacks, for making tiny stuffed peppers. The bushy compact plants work well for edible landscape and containers. Available at [www.bbbseed.com](http://www.bbbseed.com) (Bounty Beyond Belief Vegetable Seed).



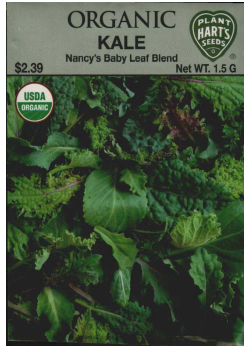
**Kale: Premier Blend.** This blend of five delicious and nutritious kales—Dwarf Blue Curled, Improved Dwarf Siberian, Lacinato, Premier, and Red Russian—provides a variety of colors, textures, sizes, and flavors. By sowing successive crops every three weeks, you can have fresh kale available throughout the growing season. Harvest baby greens in just 25 days, but allow some plants to grow to maturity, so you'll have plenty to eat in fall and even into winter, depending on your climate. A little kiss from a light fall frost makes kale even sweeter, so this hardy crop is a rock star in the garden even as other vegetables are winding down. Available at [www.botanicalinterests.com](http://www.botanicalinterests.com)



**Tomato, Jersey Boy Hybrid:** *hybrid of Brandywine and Rutgers.* We call it "Supertomato." Superfragrant. Supertasty. Superproductive. A hybrid of two legendary tomatoes, 'Jersey Boy's 8 oz. fruit brilliantly joins together 'Brandywine's sublime sweet-sour tang with 'Rutgers' classic rich color, shapeliness, yield and performance. Indeterminate. Fruit Weight: 8-10 ounces; Days to Maturity: 70-75 days Height: 36-40 inches; Spread: 36-40 inches Available at [www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com)



**Pepper, Garfield bell:** The growers were so impressed with this giant bell that they called the neighbors over to take a look. 'Garfield' is one of the biggest bell peppers around, and its unbelievable, thick, sweet orange flesh makes it great for roasting and stuffing. The deep orange color has wonderful eye appeal. Available at [www.harrisseed.com](http://www.harrisseed.com)



**Nancy's Baby Leaf Kale:** This is the perfect blend of tender kales for baby greens, mature plants and even micro greens—an assortment of greens, blues, reds and purples; some smooth leaved, some ruffled. Why buy Nancy's blend? Visit the Hart Seed website for more reasons to grow and eat kale in an interview with nutrition counselor and Hart family friend to find out! Available at [www.hartseed.com](http://www.hartseed.com)



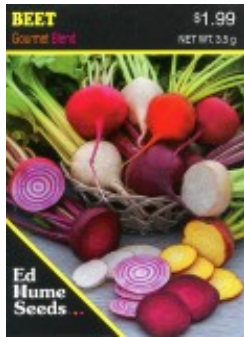
**Veggie Confetti:** With Veggie Confetti, you can go from start to harvest in 15 days. This mixture of mild sweet greens (and reds) with a few peppery additions is easy to grow indoors or out, any time of year. The nutritious stems and leaves are not sprouts; the seeds are planted in soil and your harvest begins when the seed leaves and first true leaves of each plant appear. Available at [www.hartseed.com](http://www.hartseed.com)



**Who Gets Kissed? Sweet Corn:** This exciting new bi-color will thrive in organic conditions. It's a rare open-pollinated sweet corn variety (you can save the seed for next year's crop), with a tender texture and excellent sweet flavor. The variety was bred for good cool soil emergence and is well adapted to a wide variety of growing conditions. Curious about the name? It's got a great story that you can read all about at [www.highmowingseeds.com](http://www.highmowingseeds.com). 78-84 days



**Kale 'Nash's Olympic Red'** is a beautiful curly variety with attractive frosty blue-green leaves overlaid with purple. 'Olympic Red' blew us away in our trials with its robust cold-hardiness and a tall, open habit that makes harvesting easy. Vigorous and ideal for overwintering; tolerant of Powdery Mildew. Developed by a farmer-breeder in Washington State. 55 days. Available at [www.highmowingseeds.com](http://www.highmowingseeds.com)



**Beet, Gourmet Blend:** This wonderful selection of several varieties of beets offers different shapes and colors. Choice varieties range in color from the typical crimson beets, to those that are red, white, golden and bi-color. As an added treat, enjoy the young cut or thinned greens steamed or in salads.

Available at [www.edhumeeds.com](http://www.edhumeeds.com)



**Peas, Cascadia:** Here's a top notch bush, snap pea variety which yields a bountiful harvest of sweet juicy, plump 3-inch pods. Disease resistant and tolerant of later spring plantings, it is one of many high-quality varieties of vegetables that were developed by Dr. Baggett of Oregon State University.

Available at [www.edhumeeds.com](http://www.edhumeeds.com)



**Tomato, 'Flamme':** 'Flamme' is a small (4 oz.), tangerine colored, round, smooth tomato. To quote Amy Goldman from her book, The Heirloom Tomato, "This tomato can do no wrong. Use it for any thing: eating out of hand, on an open-face sandwich, grilled with eggs for breakfast – you name it...I could fill a whole tomato garden with nothing but Flammes."

Available at [www.landrethseeds.com](http://www.landrethseeds.com)



**Pumpkin, 'Casperita' F1:** (8 oz.-1 lb.) *This pumpkin stays white!* This is a great personal size pumpkin with a classic pumpkin shape. It is delicious as well as ornamental and very productive. It is a great size for restaurant use and excellent for display. Semi-bush plants. Tolerant to PM Race 2 and WMV. *C. pepo*. 77 days.

Available at [www.neseed.com](http://www.neseed.com)



**Pumpkin, 'Orangita' F1:** (1-1.5 lbs.) 'Orangita' F1 is an excellent producer of slightly larger mini orange pumpkins. These mini pumpkins also feature nice deep ribbing for an attractive fruit. Flesh and sugars are similar to an acorn type. Semi-bush habit. Excellent display when used together with 'Casperita' F1. Powdery Mildew resistant. 80 days from seed emergence.

Available at [www.neseed.com](http://www.neseed.com)



**Tomato, 'Litt'l Bites Cherry':** Ultimate container variety bred for tough conditions. Cascading nonstop bite size tomatoes are truly delicious sweet morsels. Pretty plants form dense, mounding canopies about 20 inches wide and 12 inches tall and produce till frost, making them ideal for colorful, attractive hanging baskets and containers.

Available at [www.reneesgarden.com](http://www.reneesgarden.com)





**Tomato, 'Ramapo':** 'Ramapo' was one of the many delicious varieties grown by Jersey tomato growers before commercial production switched to firm shipping varieties. Many years ago Ramapo tomato disappeared from seed catalogues but just recently Rutgers University reintroduced this old-time classic variety. Available at [www.rohrerseeds.com](http://www.rohrerseeds.com)



**Tomato, 'Matthew':** A garden superhero! 'Matthew' produces big grape-style tomatoes that are tangy and flavorful, lending themselves to a vast range of culinary preparations including split and dried for excellent snacking. Available at [www.TerritorialSeed.com](http://www.TerritorialSeed.com)



**Kale, 'Bolshoi':** Regarded as one of the sweetest tasting kale varieties, 'Bolshoi's silvery-green leaves are highlighted with magenta stems and veins. Both the color and flavor become more vibrant with fall's frosts. Available at [www.TerritorialSeed.com](http://www.TerritorialSeed.com)

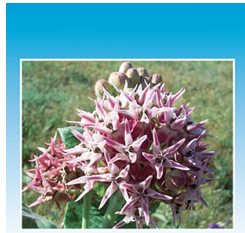


**Grandma Rose's Italian Pole Bean:** 'Grandma Rose's' is an Italian family heirloom pole bean whose vines reach six to eight feet in height. It can be harvested young as a green bean, at the green shelling stage, and mature as a dry bean. The pods are green and tasty when young, turning tan with maroon streaks as they mature. In 1947 the seeds were brought to Oregon from the Southern Italian province of Cosenza. Rose continues to plant the beans in her garden (she was 86 in 2014). 75 to 90 days. Available at [www.victoryseeds.com](http://www.victoryseeds.com)



**Tomato, INDIGO™ Cherry Drops:** 'Cherry Drops' is a stunning new cocktail cherry tomato from Oregon State University. The 1" fruits are purple/black due to high anthocyanin levels, with rosy undersides and deep red flesh. The flavor is excellent and yields are huge—up to 1,000 fruits per plant under ideal growing conditions. The fruits draw their color from the wild tomatoes found in the Galapagos Islands and Peru. Indeterminate. 65 days. (OSU S251) PVPAF Available at [www.awhaley.com](http://www.awhaley.com), [www.highmowingseeds.com](http://www.highmowingseeds.com), and [www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com)

## What's New in Flowers?



### SHOWY MILKWEED

Dark rose to white clusters of fragrant, star-shaped flowers rise on tall woody stems with milky sap. Pollinators and Monarch butterflies love these!

- Height 24" - 36"
- Perennial
- Sun - Dry

Net Wt. 2 grams



**Showy Milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*)** supports pollinators, including monarch butterflies and bumblebees! Packets are \$2.00 for 2gms (approx. 350 seeds). Beautiful rose-colored blossoms grow on tall stems and have a super rose-like fragrance. Monarch butterfly caterpillars love this plant. Showy milkweed is found naturally all across the west to mid-west of North America from Canada to Mexico. Available at [www.bbbseed.com](http://www.bbbseed.com) (Beauty Beyond Belief Wildflower Seed).



**Save the Bees Flower mix.** Yes, we need bees! Bees pollinate many of the fruits and vegetables that we eat, and that many animals and birds eat as well. Make your garden more productive and contribute to the environment with this special mix. The variety of colorful blooms and fragrant herbs attract and provide food for many of the over 4,000 species of bees that live in the U.S. that are just waiting to visit your garden! Save the Bees Flower Mix is available in small and large packets, covering approximately 60 and 220 square feet, respectively. Available at [www.botanicalinterests.com](http://www.botanicalinterests.com)



**Zinnia, 'Dancing Girls':** *Big, double flowers are disease resistant and drought tolerant.* Big-bloomed double flowers of crisp white and pink supply pools of serene color to flowerbeds, containers and vases. Robust 18-20" plants put on a summer-long show in open sun. This disease resistant, drought tolerant, heat-loving variety is pretty much self-sufficient, asking very little of you.

Uses: Beds, Borders, Cut flowers

Height: 18-20 inches; Spread: 12-14 inches; Sowing Method: Direct Sow/Indoor Sow; Bloom Duration: 12 weeks

Available at [www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com)



**Marigold, 'Garland Orange':** When home gardeners received free samples of this marigold last season it garnered rave reviews. 'Garland Orange' produces fully double 3.5" to 4.5" dark orange flowers in abundance on 3 to 4' plants. They look quite stunning in garden beds and make a wonderful cut flower for indoor bouquets. This marigold is easy to grow and very adaptable to a wide range of soil conditions.

Available at [www.harriseseeds.com](http://www.harriseseeds.com)



**Nasturtium, Hanging Basket, 'Little Firebirds'**: Gorgeous new trailing nasturtium offers a stunning cascade of color with rich coral, burgundy and pumpkin colored blossoms that float in striking contrast over variegated foliage. Perfect in pots and baskets. Firebird's edible blossoms taste like watercress with a hint of honey and make tasty and colorful additions to salads and seafood.

Available at [www.reneesgarden.com](http://www.reneesgarden.com)



**Dahlia, 'Sunny Reggae'**: 'Sunny Reggae' dahlia flowers appear in warm, bright tones reminiscent of tropical fruits; including sumptuous shades of red, coral, mango, and tangerine. Some of the 3-inch blooms have contrasting creamy white collars. Bushy, 1½-foot plants bloom all summer, making them ideal for creating cheerful, relaxed, base rhythms at the front of borders, and containers. Fleuroselect Novelty Award Winner.

Available at [www.swallowtailgardenseeds.com](http://www.swallowtailgardenseeds.com)



**Zinnia, 'Mazurkia'** (*Zinnia elegans*): Fully double, 3-inch bicolored scarlet red blooms with petal tips dipped in creamy white on sturdy, multi-branched plants grow 24 to 30 inches tall. This zinnia makes a beautiful cut flower, and also a wonderful addition to sunny borders and containers. Fleuroselect Novelty Award winner.

Available at [www.swallowtailgardenseeds.com](http://www.swallowtailgardenseeds.com)