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### *With so many great vegetable varieties to pick from, how does one choose?*

Yes, you want to plant reliable favorites. But if you spend any time at all looking through seed catalogs you know that it's impossible to resist trying something new alongside the tried-and-true. Vegetable and flower breeders select their new offerings for resistance to pests and plant health, for flavor, and for beauty. Planting new varieties is all about the *thrill of discovery*. Here is a sampling of the many new varieties offered by HGSA seed sellers. Visit the "Shop Our Members" page on [ezfromseed.org](http://ezfromseed.org) for lots more!



### Tomatoes and Peppers



**Rohrerseeds.com** offers '**Rutgers 250**', a reinvention of the original strain of Rutgers tomato introduced in 1934 named to coincide with Rutgers University's 250th anniversary. From **NEseed.com** we have '**Candy Bell**' hybrid grape tomato, a determinate 4-5' plant that produces extra early sweet, firm fruits. **Highmowingseeds.com** introduces '**Damsel**' hybrid, a Brandywine-style beefsteak tomato that combines great flavor with late blight resistance.



**Burpee.com** has bred a champion and christened it '**Gladiator**', a strong indeterminate grower that bears a bounty of 8 oz. Roma-type fruits, robust in flavor. **Territorialseed.com** describes diminutive '**Sweet Aperitif**' as so much more than just a sweet cherry tomato—thin-skinned, crack-resistant, with a complex, wine-like taste. **Reneesgarden.com** introduces '**Magyar**' pepper, the true paprika spice plant, vigorous and a heavy yielder of 4-inch crimson fruits that are easy to dry and grind for spice. From **Highmowingseeds.com** comes '**Triunfo**', a hybrid jalapeño that promises an abundant harvest of uniform fruits with minimal checking.

## Cucurbits: Squash, Pumpkin ... and Bitter Melon



**'North Georgia Candy Roaster'**, an heirloom squash from [Hudsonvalleyseed.com](http://Hudsonvalleyseed.com) with sweet dense flesh, stores up to 5 months. [Territorialseed.com](http://Territorialseed.com) introduces **'Naked Bear'** pumpkin, a dual-use 2-4 lb variety for baking and hullless (yes, bare-naked) snacking seeds. **'Early Nutter'**, a mildew tolerant hybrid butternut from [NEseed.com](http://NEseed.com), promises an outstanding yield of 4-5 lb fruit. **'Number One'** bitter melon, an offering from [Botanicalinterests.com](http://Botanicalinterests.com), is relatively short at 8' tall. Best grown on a trellis, it is popular in Indian cuisine.

## Corn!



Use multicolor **'Calico'** popcorn from [Westcoastseeds.com](http://Westcoastseeds.com) for decorative use or for popping. **'Eden'** is an augmented supersweet corn that [Rohrerseeds.com](http://Rohrerseeds.com) describes as the "best tasting variety we have ever trialed." **'Petmecky'**, an 1847 heirloom grain corn from [Victoryseeds.com](http://Victoryseeds.com), originally came from a Comanche tribesman.

## Salad fixin's



Mountain Valley Seeds ([MVseeds.com](http://MVseeds.com)) introduces **'Little Gem'** romaine, tasty-sweet, small, and very heat tolerant. A rainbow of **'Garden Party'** radishes from [Reneesgarden.com](http://Reneesgarden.com) will liven up any salad. **'Wasabi'** arugula, a wild type from [Westcoastseeds.com](http://Westcoastseeds.com), tastes like wasabi when full grown, milder when young.

## Flowers



Who can resist swallowtail butterflies, or monarchs, or painted ladies? With [Americanmeadows.com](http://Americanmeadows.com) new **Butterfly Seed Collections** you can have them all! From [Botanicalinterests.com](http://Botanicalinterests.com) comes a new petunia mix, the **'Laura Bush'** blend. [Hudsonvalleyseed.com](http://Hudsonvalleyseed.com) offers **'Lavender Cloud'** nicotiana—a heavily fragrant 48" tall stunner in lavender and white. A new sunflower from [Burpee.com](http://Burpee.com), **'Treasure Mountain'** hybrid, is "madly floriferous, densely branching, and dazzling in a vase."

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