# TENNESSEE HOME GARDEN VARIETY TRIALS 2023 RESULTS

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#### Introduction

The goal of the Tennessee Home Garden Variety Trials program is to help home gardeners answer the question, "Which variety will do best in my Tennessee home garden?" Growing a well-adapted variety can result in higher yields, more flavorful produce, and reduced chemical applications to control pests and diseases. Unfortunately, it is a tough question to answer. Because of the high cost of trialing vegetable varieties, there is very little information on variety performance specific to the many different regions within Tennessee. We decided to approach this dilemma from a different angle. By involving Tennessee home gardeners in a citizen science approach to variety evaluation, we are able to see how varieties perform across many different locations and gather important data on attributes that make varieties valuable in a home garden, such as germination, plant health, yield, attractiveness, and flavor. We are excited about the opportunity to work side by side with our Tennessee citizens, and we hope that you will find these results useful in answering the question, "Which variety will grow best in my Tennessee home garden.?"

#### Goals

- 1. Gardeners will collect data on variety performance which will be compiled to identify varieties with superior performance in Tennessee
- 2. Gardeners will be introduced to new varieties which will lead to more productive gardens and healthier diets
- 3. Gardeners will be introduced to and become active participants in the scientific process

#### **Methods**

Varieties were selected from sources available to home gardeners, including Johnny's Selected Seeds, Territorial, Harris, Southern Exposure, Seed Savers, HPS, and others. Selections included both tried and true varieties as well as promising new varieties. These were grouped into paired comparisons within more specific sub-categories (e.g. bean – green pole, green compact bush).

Participants were allowed to sign up for a maximum of five trials. A trial fee of \$2 per trial was collected. Families with children under 18 were allowed one free youth trial. Enough seed for a 10 ft row were packaged in coin envelopes and distributed to participants, along with information specific to their selected trial. Participants were responsible for managing their garden trials, evaluating characteristics identified in the evaluation sheet, and returning data upon completion of the trial. More information on how to participate can be found at: <a href="tiny.utk.edu/hgvt">tiny.utk.edu/hgvt</a>

When evaluating trials, participants were asked to mark which of the two varieties performed better in terms of germination, plant health, first fruit, yield, appearance, and flavor. They were also asked to give a performance rating on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 indicating poor performance and 10 indicating excellent performance. Participants were asked to select whether they would recommend either variety to other home gardeners.



### **Analysis**

Data were evaluated using a two tailed chi-square test for categorical variables (germination, health, first fruit, yield, appearance, flavor) and a one-way analysis of variance for continuous variables (performance). Both tests used an alpha level of 0.1 to determine significance. Graphs show the percentage of evaluations in which a variety was marked as superior for a given trait and report the mean performance score for each variety. Traits that were identified as significantly superior in one variety compared with the other variety are outlined in green.

# **Participation**

In 2023, **184 participants** representing **61 Tennessee counties** planted **731 trials**. The number of sites for which useable data was returned is indicated for each trial.



## **Summary of Results**

| 1. Bean, Bush | Cı    | Cultivar                   |                                | Dragon Tongue |   | Magnum   |  |
|---------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---|--|--|
|               | Recon | nmend (%)                  | 80%                            |               |   | 93%  |  |
|               |       | commended for<br>pardeners | Health (67%), Si<br>Appearance |               |   | Health (73%), Yield (60%),<br>Hearance (53%), Flavor (67%) |  |
|               |       | Germ                       | Health                         | First Fru     | uit                                       | Overall  10.0  9.0  8.0  7.0  6.0  5.0                     |  |
|               | Yield | Appearance                 | Flavor                         |               | 4.0 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — |  |  |

These two bush bean cultivars had a similar overall rating, but Magnum (BCMV) was rated higher by our trialers for yield and taste. Magnum produced a large, flatter bean similar to a traditional pole bean. Trialers said it had a great "green bean" taste and production and health that was "good from start to finish." Dragon Tongue (pictured to the left) had positive comments on the unique look and sweet taste.

\*for traits outlined in green, varieties differed significantly at P < 0.1 (15 sites)

| 2. Bean, Pole | Cultivar                             |           | Blue Lake Fm1k                             |           | Helda                                   |  |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|---|--|
|               | Reco                                 | mmend (%) | 100%                                       |           | 90%                                     |  |
|               | Reasons recommended for TN gardeners |           | Health (60%), Yield (80%),<br>Flavor (90%) |           | Health (70%)                            |  |
|               | •                                    | Germ      | Health                                     | First Fru | 10.0<br>9.0<br>8.0<br>7.0<br>6.0<br>5.0 |  |
|               | <b>\</b>                             | Yield     | Appearance                                 | Flavor    | 4.0                                     |  |

Both of these pole beans recieved good ratings and remarks from our trialers. Blue Lake was a more round bean with good comments on harvest duration, quality and versatility in the kitchen from stir frys to simmering with bacon and onions. Helda (BCMV) was a flatter, longer bean that had good comments on production and earliness of harvest.

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| 3. Bean, yellow wax | Cultivar |                             | Capitano                  |           | Golidlocks  |   |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|---|---|
|                     | Reco     | ommend (%)                  | 80%                       |           |   | 100%  |
|                     |          | ecommended for<br>gardeners | Yield (60%), Flavor (80%) |           | Health (80%), Yield (100%),<br>Appearance (60%), Flavor (80%) |   |
|                     | 3        | Germ                        | Health                    | First Fru | iit   | Overall  10.0 ——————————————————————————————————— |
|                     |          | Yield                       | Appearance                | Flavor    |   | 5.0<br>4.0 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —  |

Golden or wax beans were a novel crop for our trialers. Capitano (BCMV, HB) was a flatter bean with a lighter yellow color whose plants many not have produced as long as its comparison. It was bested in this trial by Goldilocks (BCMV, HB), which was a thinner, rounder more filet bean type with a brigher yellow color (pictured above). One trialer noted it was "One of the most productive beans I have grown in the last 50 years."

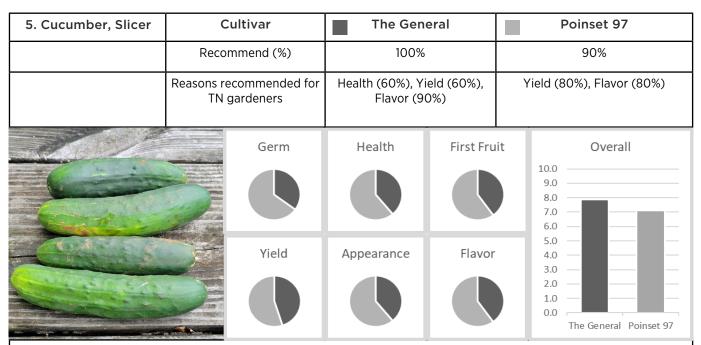
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(5 sites)

| 4. Okra | Cultivar                             |           | Cowhorn                  |           | Velvet |   |  |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------|---|--|
|         | Reco                                 | mmend (%) | 77%                      |           | 85%    |   |  |
|         | Reasons recommended for TN gardeners |           | Health (60%), Size (62%) |           | Арре   | Appearance (54%), Flavor (54%)                    |  |
|         |                                      | Germ      | Health                   | First Fru | uit    | Overall  10.0  9.0  8.0  7.0  6.0                 |  |
|         |                                      | Yield     | Appearance               | Flavoi    |        | 5.0<br>4.0<br>3.0<br>2.0<br>1.0<br>Cowhorn Velvet |  |

These two traditional cultivars received similiar overall ratings in this trial. Cowhorn was reported to be a tall and more open plant with ribbed pods that needed to be picked frequently but had good yield. Velvet had higher ratings for appearance and the comments backed this up with positive notes on smooth pods, taste and tenderness.

\*for traits outlined in green, varieties differed significantly at P < 0.1 (13 sites)



The slicer cucumber trial paired a well-known hybrid with a newer open pollinated cultivar. The General (S,CMV, PM) has done well in previous TN trials and did well again in 2023 with notes on yield and fruit quality summed up by one trialer as "excellent in all ways." Poinset 97 is an open pollinated cultivar from the Cornell breeding program that has wide disease resistance (CMV, DM, Alt, A, S, TS, PM) and good comments from our trialers for healthy plants and good tasting fruit.

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(10 sites)

| 6. Cucumber, Speciality |      | Cultivar                         | Arme       | nian        | Dragon Suhyo 80%                 |  |
|-------------------------|------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--|
|                         |      | commend (%)                      | 201        | %           |                                  |  |
|                         |      | s recommended for<br>N gardeners |            |             |                                  |  |
|                         |      | Germ                             | Health     | First Fruit | Overall                          |  |
|                         |      |                                  |            |             | 10.0<br>9.0<br>8.0<br>7.0<br>6.0 |  |
|                         | - Ab | Yield                            | Appearance | Flavor      | 4.0 —                            |  |
|                         |      |                                  |            |             | 2.0 —                            |  |

This specialty trial paired the novel Armenian (actually a melon) with the classic Dragon Suhyo Cross (PM). Neither received great marks, but the Dragon Suhyo did signifigantly better on yield. Armenian (OP) received some negative marks for plant health and yield while the spininess of the hybrid Dragon Suhyo was a challenge to some even with good comments on taste.

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Armenian

Dragon Suhyo Cross

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| 7. Cucumber, Pickling |                                      | Cultivar    | Double | Yield                                     | Max Pack                          |  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
|                       | Re                                   | commend (%) | 60     | %   | 80%                               |  |
|                       | Reasons recommended for TN gardeners |             | or     |   | Health (60%), Flavor (60%)        |  |
|                       |                                      | Germ        | Health | First Fruit                               | Overall  10.0  9.0  8.0  7.0  6.0 |  |
|                       | Yield                                | Appearance  | Flavor | 5.0 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — |                                   |  |

The pickling cucumber trial paired an OP heirloom from the 1920s, Double Yield (on left), with the hybrid Max Pack (CMV, A, S, PM, PRV, WMV, ZYV, ALS). Double Yield had good comments on early growth and production but declined more quickly for some as well as requiring very timely picking. Max Pack had higher marks for flavor and production as well as durability of the vines.

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| 8. Tomato, dterminate paste | Cultivar                                   | Little N                  | Napoli      | Nova                                      |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------|---|
|                             | Recommend (%)                              | 88                        | %           | 71%                                       |
|                             | Reasons<br>recommended for<br>TN gardeners | Yield (65%), Flavor (71%) |             |   |
|                             | Germ                                       | Health                    | First Fruit | Overall  10.0  9.0  8.0  7.0  6.0         |
|                             | Yield                                      | Appearance                | Flavor      | 5.0 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — |

Two determinate paste tomatoes were paired in the container trial. The hybrid Little Napoli was a more compact plant with good comments on earliness of yield, flavor and meatiness of the fruit. Nova was a slightly larger plant with more traditional roma type fruit. There were good comments on taste but some did have issues with blossom end rot.

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| 9. Zucchini, Cousa Type | Cultivar                                   | Mag          | gda           | Mexicana   |  |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|--|--|
|                         | Recommend (%)                              | 83           | %             | 83%  |  |
|                         | Reasons<br>recommended for<br>TN gardeners | Health (67%) | , Yield (75%) | Health (58%), Yield (58%)                                |  |
|                         | Germ                                       | Health       | First Fruit   | Overall  10.0 9.0 8.0 7.0 6.0                            |  |
|                         | Yield                                      | Appearance   | Flavor        | 5.0<br>4.0<br>3.0<br>2.0<br>1.0<br>0.0<br>Magda Mexicana |  |

The similar appearance of these two light green Cousa type zucchini was mirrored in the similar rating and reasons for recommending including health, size and appearance. Magda (bottom image) was a lighter skinned fruit that received good comments on mild, sweet flavor and flesh good for baking. Mexicana (CMV, PRV, PM, WMV, ZYV) was a slightly darker fruit with good comments on keeping quality and taste with one trialer declaring "best zucchini ever!"

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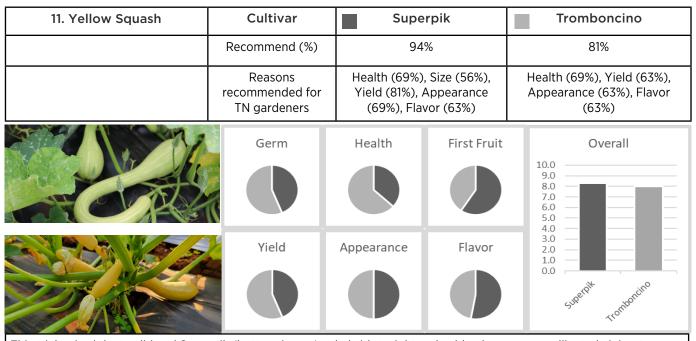
(12 sites)

| 10. Zucchini, Green | Cultivar                                   | Bla           | ck          | Noche                                     |  |
|---------------------|--|---------------|-------------|---|--|
|                     | Recommend (%)                              | 94%           |             | 88%                                       |  |
|                     | Reasons<br>recommended for<br>TN gardeners | Health (63%), | Yield (69%) | Health (69%), Yield (75%)                 |  |
|                     | Germ                                       | Health        | First Fruit | Overall  10.0  9.0  8.0  7.0  6.0         |  |
|                     | Yield                                      | Appearance    | Flavor      | 5.0 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — |  |

This dark green zucchini trial paired an open pollinated cultivar simply called Black zucchini (top image) with hybrid Noche (WMV, ZYV). Interestingly, the overall ratings and specific comparisons had these two nearly equal. The percentage of gardeners who would recommend was also quite high at 92% and 100%. Black had some large fruit while Noche tended to be slimmer with dark, glossy skin. One trialer summed it up with "we are hard-pressed to say which we liked better!"

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(16 sites)



This trial paired the traditional Superpik (bottom image), a hybrid straightneck with a large open pollinated vining type called Tromboncino. Overall ratings were similar, but trialers had unique results on these trials. Superpik was reported to be good tasting, productive, and easy to pick with many stating they would grow again. Tromboncino was noted to be quite large and did invade other garden areas. But, it was also noted to be tender when young, productive and "super fun!"

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(16 sites)

| 12. Muskmelon | Cultivar                                   | Delicio    | ous 51      | Sarah's Choice  |  |
|---------------|--|------------|-------------|---|--|
|               | Recommend (%)                              | 75%        |             | 100%  |  |
|               | Reasons<br>recommended for<br>TN gardeners | Yield      | (75%)       | Health (75%), Yield (100%),<br>Flavor (100%)            |  |
|               | Germ                                       | Health     | First Fruit | Overall  10.0  9.0  8.0  7.0  6.0  5.0                  |  |
|               | Yield                                      | Appearance | Flavor      | 4.0 — 3.0 — 2.0 — 1.0 — 0.0 Delicious 51 Sarah's Choice |  |

For many of our trialers, it was not a fabulous melon year, but we had a few hardy folks who provided great feedback. Delicious 51 was developed for disease resistance (F, PM) and received good marks for sweet flavor. Sarah's Choice (F, PM) had lighter orange flesh color with good comments on flavor and sweetness and reported higher germination.

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| 13. Pumpkin, Decorative | Cultivar                                   | Galeux d         | 'Eysines    | Wee-Be-Little                                  |  |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|-------------|--|--|
|                         | Recommend (%)                              | 75               | %           | 75%  |  |
|                         | Reasons<br>recommended for<br>TN gardeners | Appearance (75%) |             |  |  |
|                         | Germ                                       | Health           | First Fruit | Overall  |  |
|                         |  |                  |             | 10.0<br>9.0<br>8.0<br>7.0<br>6.0<br>5.0<br>4.0 |  |
|                         | Yield                                      | Appearance       | Flavor      | 3.0<br>2.0<br>1.0                              |  |
|                         |  |                  |             | Galery of Exines Wee Bellithe                  |  |

Pumpkins are usually a low volume trial for us due to plant size, and this year was no different. The AAS winning Wee-Be-Little had semi-bush plants for space efficiency and received good comments for cuteness and early maturity. Galeux d'Eysines is also called peanut and has a unique appearance but didn't seem to produce as many fruit.

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(4 sites)

| 14. Herb, Basil | Cultivar                                   | Prospera                | a Italian   | Winner   |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|-------------|--|
|                 | Recommend (%)                              | 89                      | %           | 100%   |
|                 | Reasons<br>recommended for<br>TN gardeners | Size (56%), `<br>Flavor |             | Health (56%), Yield (67%),<br>Flavor (78%)         |
|                 | Germ                                       | Health                  | First Fruit | Overall  10.0 9.0 8.0 7.0 6.0 5.0                  |
|                 | Yield                                      | Appearance              | Flavor      | 4.0 3.0 2.0 1.0 Prospera Winner Italian Large Leaf |

Basil always trials well, and these two cultivars both received high marks! Prospera Italian large leaf (F, DM) was a taller plant that was noted to be helpful for harvest. Prospera was stated to be "excellent in all ways" with great taste and holding ability. Winner (shown above) was a more compact plant that was remarked to work well in containers. One trialer said it was the "best basil I have ever grown and the only one I will use from now on" for healthy, durable leaves.

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(18 sites)

| 15. Herb, Cilantro | Cultivar                                   | Caly                           | pso         | Confetti  |  |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------|---|--|
|                    | Recommend (%)                              | 100                            | )%          | 67%   |  |
|                    | Reasons<br>recommended for<br>TN gardeners | Health (60%)<br>Yield (53%), I |             | Flavor (53%)  |  |
|                    | Germ                                       | Health                         | First Fruit | Overall  10.0  9.0  8.0  7.0  6.0                   |  |
|                    | Yield                                      | Appearance                     | Flavor      | 5.0<br>4.0<br>3.0<br>2.0<br>1.0<br>Calypso Confetti |  |

Cilantro is a cool season herb, so some trialers did see bolting. Many reported productivity into the summer with one report of plants remaining until August! Confetti (shown above) was a unique thread leaf cultivar. However, it was bested in the overall rating and germination by Calypso which was reported to be productive tasty and an easy to grow cultivar that held up well in the heat.

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(15 sites)

| 16. Flower, Mexican Sunflower | Cultivar                                  | Fiesta     | a del Sol                     | Tithonia  |  |
|-------------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
|                               | Recommend (%                              | )          | 77%                           | 91%   |  |
|                               | Reasons<br>recommended fo<br>TN gardeners |            | %), Size (59%),<br>ance (59%) | Health (73%), Size (55%),<br>Yield (55%), Appearance<br>(73%) |  |
|                               | Germ                                      | Health     | First Fruit                   | Overall  10.0  9.0  8.0  7.0  6.0                             |  |
|                               | Yield                                     | Appearance | Flavor                        | 5.0<br>4.0<br>3.0<br>2.0<br>1.0<br>Fiesta del sol Tithonia    |  |

This trial paired an AAS winning compact cultivar, Fiesta del Sol (shown above), with the species Tithonia or Mexican sunflower. TN trialers preferred the larger species, Tithonia, for germination, earliness of flower and overall performance and flower number. The orange color was noted to be "great for Vols fans!" and trialers liked the large plant with prolific flowers over several weeks in late summer. The strong plant was noted to not require staking and had lots of pollinator visitors!

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(22 sites)

| 17. Flower, Calendula | Cultivar                                  | Len        | nonade      | Neon   |
|-----------------------|---|------------|-------------|--|
|                       | Recommend (%)                             | )          | 80%         | 80%  |
|                       | Reasons<br>recommended fo<br>TN gardeners |            | ance (80%)  | Appearance (80%)                                 |
|                       | Germ                                      | Health     | First Fruit | Overall  10.0  9.0  8.0  7.0  6.0                |
|                       | Yield                                     | Appearance | Flavor      | 5.0<br>4.0<br>3.0<br>2.0<br>1.0<br>Lemonade Neon |

Calendula was a flower trial for the first time in 2023. As a plant that prefers cooler temps, some trialers did see variable performance in an odd summer. But, it was noted they both had great color with some variable in the bloom shades.

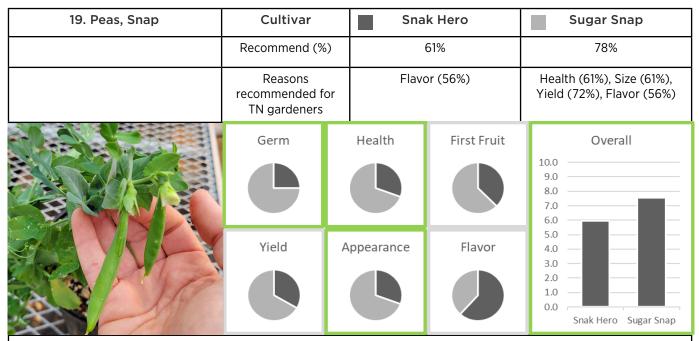
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(10 sites)

| 18. Lettuce, Red Leaf | Cultivar                                  | Ceg           | olaine  | Cherokee   |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|---|--|
|                       | Recommend (%)                             | )             | 92%   | 100%   |
|                       | Reasons<br>recommended fo<br>TN gardeners | or Yield (58% | %), Size (58%),<br>), Appearance<br>lavor (75%) | Health (100%), Size (58%),<br>Yield (58%), Appearance<br>(58%), Flavor (83%) |
|                       | Germ                                      | Health        | First Fruit                                     | Overall  10.0  9.0  8.0  7.0  6.0  |
|                       | Yield                                     | Appearance    | Flavor  | 5.0<br>4.0<br>3.0<br>2.0<br>1.0<br>Cegolaine Cherokee                        |

This red leaf lettuce trial paired a bibb or butterhead type, Cegolaine (DM, LM, LRA [shown above]), with the summer crisp, Cherokee. The overall ratings for both were strong with trialers enjoying the unique red pigmentation. Trialers noted the softer leaves of Cegolaine as is typical of a butterhead with Cherokee having more texture and a bit stronger standing up to late spring or early summer temperatures as it was slow to bolt.

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Peas were a first time trial crop for our TN citizen scientists, and we trialed two sugar snap types. Snak Hero (shown above) was a very compact cultivar that is well suited to containers and a recent AAS winner. It did fine with good comments on flavor but was bested in overall rating, germination and appearance by the old standard Sugar Snap. Trialers noted the large and productive plants and the traditional snap pea flavor that was also easy to shell if left to mature further.

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(18 sites)

# Tennessee Home Garden Variety Trials



#### **Recommended Varieties**

Listed here, you will find varieties that 70 percent or more of trial participants indicated they would recommend to other Tennessee home gardeners. Because varieties evaluated in multiple years did not always reach a 70 percent recommendation in all evaluation years, bold text is used to indicate years in which a variety did receive a 70 percent or greater recommendation.

| Category | Sub-<br>Category | Form<br>(Standard,<br>Compact) | Variety                        | Rating<br>(1-10) | Recommend (%) | Years<br>Evaluated | Why we love it                             |
|----------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|--|
| Basil    | Genovese         |                                | Aroma II                       | 8.0              | 90%           | 2019               | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Basil    | Genovese         |                                | Dolce Fresca                   | 7.1, 7.9         | 63%, 86%      | 2018, <b>2019</b>  | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor |
| Basil    |                  |                                | Devotion                       | 7.8              | 90%           | 2021               | Health, Size                               |
| Basil    |                  |                                | Everleaf                       | 8.4              | 94%           | 2020               | Health, Appearance,<br>Flavor              |
| Basil    |                  |                                | Newton                         | 6.9              | 70%           | 2021               | Flavor, Health                             |
| Basil    |                  |                                | Obsession                      | 8.2              | 100%          | 2020               | Health, Size, Yield                        |
| Basil    |                  |                                | Prospera Italian<br>Large Leaf | 7.8              | 89%           | 2023               | Size, Yield, Flavor                        |
| Basil    |                  |                                | Winner                         | 8.6              | 100%          | 2023               | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Bean     | Bush             |                                | Amethyst                       | 8.4              | 92%           | 2020               | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor       |
| Bean     | Bush             |                                | Annihilator                    | 7.3              | 70%           | 2020               | Yield, Appearance,<br>Flavor               |
| Bean     | Bush             |                                | Antigua                        | 7.4              | 90%           | 2022               | Flavor                                     |
| Bean     | Bush             |                                | Contender                      | 8.9              | 92%           | 2021               | Yield, Flavor                              |
| Bean     | Bush             |                                | Dragon Tongue                  | 7.4              | 80%           | 2023               | Health, Size,<br>Appearance                |
| Bean     | Bush             |                                | Magnum                         | 7.6              | 93%           | 2023               | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor |
| Bean     | Bush             |                                | Provider                       | 8.6, 8           | 100%, 29%     | <b>2020,</b> 2017  | Health, Yield                              |
| Bean     | Bush             |                                | Wyatt                          | 7.9              | 91%           | 2021               | Flavor, Yield, Health                      |
| Bean     | Edamame          |                                | Chiba Green                    | 5.9              | 71%           | 2020               |  |
| Bean     | Edamame          |                                | Tankuro                        | 8.3              | 100%          | 2020               | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Bean     | Filet            |                                | Borsalino                      | 8.4              | 78%           | 2021               | Yield, Flavor                              |
| Bean     | Filet            |                                | Maxibel                        | 9, 6.3           | 100%, 63%     | 2020, 2017         | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Bean     | Filet            |                                | Nickel                         | 7.6              | 88%           | 2021               | Yield, Health                              |

| Category | Sub-<br>Category            | Form<br>(Standard,<br>Compact) | Variety            | Rating<br>(1-10) | Recommend (%)      | Years<br>Evaluated                  | Why we love it                             |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Bean     | Filet                       |                                | Tavera             | 7.1, 7.6         | 58%, 71%           | 2020 (Blind),<br>2020<br>(Standard) | Health, Yield                              |
| Bean     | Heritage                    |                                | Cherokee Black     | 8.2              | 92%                | 2021                                | Yield, Flavor, Health                      |
| Bean     | Heritage                    |                                | Rattlesnake        | 8.6              | 100%               | 2020                                | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor |
| Bean     | Heritage                    |                                | Turkey Craw        | 6.4, 8.4         | 86%, 100%          | 2019, 2021                          | Flavor, Yield, Health                      |
| Bean     | Pole                        |                                | Blue Lake FM1k     | 8.2              | 100%               | 2023                                | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Bean     | Pole                        |                                | Helda              | 7.5              | 90%                | 2023                                | Health                                     |
| Bean     | Pole                        |                                | Kentucky Blue      | 6.8, 6.7         | 60%, 83%           | 2017, 2019                          | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Bean     | Pole                        |                                | Kentucky<br>Wonder | 5.8, 7.0, 8.4    | 60%, 78%,<br>67%   | 2017, <b>2018,</b> 2022             |  |
| Bean     | Snap                        |                                | Blue Lake 274      | 8.4              | 100%               | 2019 (Blind)                        | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor |
| Bean     | Snap                        | Compact                        | Calima             | 7.3              | 80%                | 2019                                | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Bean     | Snap                        |                                | Jade II            | 6.8, 6.9, 7.6    | 60%, 83%,<br>86%,  | 2018, 2019,<br>2019 (Blind)         | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance               |
| Bean     | Snap                        | Compact                        | Mascotte           | 7, 6             | 80%, 63%           | <b>2019,</b> 2017                   | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Bean     | Wax                         |                                | Capitano           | 5.2              | 80%                | 2023                                | Yield, Flavor                              |
| Bean     | Wax                         |                                | Goldilocks         | 8.2              | 100%               | 2023                                | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor       |
| Bean     | Yard Long                   |                                | Python             | 6.5              | 78%                | 2021                                | Health                                     |
| Bean     | Yard Long                   |                                | Red Noodle         | 7.9              | 100%               | 2021                                | Yield, Appearance,<br>Health, Size, Flavor |
| Chives   |                             |                                | Geisha Garlic      | 8.4              | 88%                | 2020                                | Health                                     |
| Chives   |                             |                                | Polyvert           | 6.1              | 75%                | 2020                                |  |
| Cilantro |                             |                                | Calypso            | 8.4              | 100%               | 2023                                | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Flavor             |
| Collards |                             |                                | Champion           | 7.7              | 86%                | 2020                                | Size, Yield                                |
| Collards |                             |                                | Flash              | 7.8              | 86%                | 2020                                | Health, Yield                              |
| Corn     | Late-<br>Season,<br>Bicolor |                                | Delectable         | 7.3              | 75%                | 2017                                |  |
| Corn     |                             |                                | Sweetness          | 7.1, 5.8         | 75%, 50%           | <b>2019,</b> 2017                   | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Corn     |                             |                                | Temptress          | 7.4              | 75%                | 2019                                |  |
| Cucumber | Compact                     |                                | Bush Crop          | 6.1              | 81%                | 2019                                | Size, Flavor                               |
| Cucumber | Compact                     |                                | Spacemaster        | 7.6, 7.5         | 82%, 94%           | 2020, 2019                          | Health, Size,<br>Appearance, Flavor        |
| Cucumber | Garden<br>Slicer            |                                | Bristol            | 8, 8, 7.72       | 90%, 91%,<br>70%   | 2019, 2019<br>(Blind), 2022         | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor |
| Cucumber | Garden<br>Slicer            |                                | General Lee        | 7.4, 7.5         | 73%, 64%           | <b>2020,</b> 2018                   |  |
| Cucumber | Garden<br>Slicer            |                                | Marketmore 76      | 7.8, 9.1, 7.6    | 100%, 100%,<br>90% | 2019, 2019<br>(Blind), 2021         | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Flavor, Appearance |
| Cucumber | Garden<br>Slicer            |                                | Poinset 97         | 7.1              | 90%                | 2023                                | Yield, Flavor                              |
| Cucumber | Garden<br>Slicer            |                                | Straight Eight     | 7.7              | 83%                | 2017                                |  |

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| Cucumber  | Garden<br>Slicer      |                                | The General           | 7.9              | 100%             | 2023               | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Cucumber  | Pickling              |                                | Bush Pickle           | 7.5              | 80%              | 2021               | Yield, Flavor                              |
| Cucumber  | Pickling              |                                | Max Pack              | 8.1              | 80%              | 2023               | Health, Flavor                             |
| Cucumber  | Snacker               |                                | Green Light           | 7.5, 6.9         | 90%, 86%         | 2020, 2021         | Yield, Health                              |
| Cucumber  | Speciality            |                                | Dragon Suhyo<br>Cross | 5.2              | 80%              | 2023               |  |
| Cucumber  | Speciality            |                                | Suyo Long             | 5.5              | 78%              | 2019               |  |
| Flower    | Bachelor's<br>Buttons |                                | Choice Mix            | 6.9              | 80%              | 2020               | Appearance                                 |
| Flower    | Bachelor's<br>Buttons |                                | Classic Magic         | 7.4              | 100%             | 2020               | Health, Appearance                         |
| Flower    | Borage                |                                | Blue                  | 7.6              | 86%              | 2021               | Appearance, Health                         |
| Flower    | Calendula             |                                | Lemonade              | 8.1              | 80%              | 2023               | Appearance                                 |
| Flower    | Calendula             |                                | Neon                  | 6.6              | 80%              | 2023               | Appearance                                 |
| Flower    | Cosmos                |                                | Double Click<br>Pink  | 7.9              | 88%              | 2020               | Health, Size,<br>Appearance                |
| Flower    | Cosmos                |                                | Sensation Mix         | 7.7              | 84%              | 2020               |  |
| Flower    | Marigold              |                                | Super Hero<br>Spry    | 8.7              | 100%             | 2021               | Appearance, Health,<br>Size                |
| Flower    | Mexican<br>Sunflower  |                                | Fiesta del sol        | 6.1              | 77%              | 2023               | Health, Size,<br>Appearance                |
| Flower    | Mexican<br>Sunflower  |                                | Tithonia              | 8.2              | 91%              | 2023               | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance         |
| Flower    | Zinnia                |                                | Candy Mix             | 7.4              | 71%              | 2019               | Appearance                                 |
| Flower    | Zinnia                |                                | Profusion Mix         | 7.0              | 88%              | 2021               | Appearance                                 |
| Flower    | Zinnia                |                                | Zahara<br>Sunburst    | 7.6              | 83%              | 2021               | Appearance                                 |
| Gourd     |                       |                                | Small Warted<br>Mix   | 8.0              | 100%             | 2020               | Health, Appearance                         |
| Gourd     |                       |                                | TN Dancing<br>Gourd   | 6.9              | 86%              | 2020               | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance               |
| Lettuce   | Red leaf              |                                | Cegolaine             | 7.9              | 92%              | 2023               | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor |
| Lettuce   | Red leaf              |                                | Cherokee              | 8.3              | 100%             | 2023               | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor |
| Lettuce   |                       |                                | Sandy                 | 8.8              | 88%              | 2021               | Health, Yield, Size,<br>Flavor             |
| Muskmelon |                       |                                | Ambrosia              | 9.5              | 100%             | 2019               | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Flavor             |
| Muskmelon |                       |                                | Athena                | 7.8, 7.28        | 75%, 75%         | 2017, 2022         | Flavor                                     |
| Muskmelon |                       |                                | Delicious 51          | 5.8              | 75%              | 2023               | Yield                                      |
| Muskmelon |                       |                                | Sarah's Choice        | 7.3              | 100%             | 2023               | Health, Yield, Flavor                      |
| Muskmelon |                       |                                | Savor                 | 6.5              | 75%              | 2020               | Size, Appearance,<br>Flavor                |
| Muskmelon |                       |                                | Sugar Cube            | 8.8, 7.9         | 100%, 65%        | <b>2020,</b> 2018  | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Flavor             |
| Okra      |                       |                                | Candle Fire           | 8.3              | 77%              | 2018               |  |

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| Okra              |                  |                                | Carmine<br>Splendor  | 7.9              | 85%                | 2021                      | Flavor, Health, Yield,<br>Size, Appearance    |
| Okra              |                  |                                | Clemson<br>Spineless | 7.1, 8.7         | 81%, 100%          | 2018, 2020                | Health, Yield, Flavor                         |
| Okra              |                  |                                | Cowhorn              | 8.0              | 77%                | 2023                      | Health, Size                                  |
| Okra              |                  |                                | Jambalaya            | 8.2, 8.7         | 86%, 86%           | 2019, 2020                | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor          |
| Okra              |                  |                                | Velvet               | 7.4              | 85%                | 2023                      | Appearance, Flavor                            |
| Pea               | Snap             |                                | Sugar Snap           | 7.6              | 78%                | 2023                      | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Flavor                |
| Pumpkin           | Blue             |                                | Triamble             | 9.0              | 100%               | 2017                      |   |
| Pumpkin           | Decorative       |                                | Galeux<br>d'Eysines  | 5.8              | 75%                | 2023                      | Appearance                                    |
| Pumpkin           | Decorative       |                                | Knucklehead          | 8.0              | 83%                | 2018                      |   |
| Pumpkin           | Decorative       |                                | Wee-Be-Little        | 6.0              | 75%                | 2023                      |   |
| Pumpkin           | Orange,<br>Large |                                | Cargo                | 7.0              | 100%               | 2017                      |   |
| Pumpkin           | Orange,<br>Large |                                | Howden               | 8.0              | 100%               | 2017                      |   |
| Pumpkin           | Orange,<br>Small |                                | Cinnamon Girl        | 5.6, 7.2         | 50%, 100%          | 2018, <b>2020</b> (Blind) | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance                  |
| Pumpkin           | Orange,<br>Small |                                | Spark                | 8.1              | 73%                | 2018                      |   |
| Pumpkin           | White            |                                | Moonshine            | 7.4, 8.3         | 100%, 100%         | 2019, 2017                | Health, Appearance                            |
| Pumpkin           | Yellow           |                                | Sunlight             | 7.9              | 86%                | 2019                      | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance                  |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Patty Pan        |                                | Bennings Gr.<br>Tint | 7.3              | 88%                | 2020                      | Appearance                                    |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Patty Pan        |                                | G-Star               | 7.5              | 88%                | 2020                      | Flavor  |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Patty Pan        |                                | Janue et Verte       | 7.1              | 80%                | 2019                      | Size, Flavor, health,<br>Appearance, Yield    |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Patty Pan        |                                | Sunburst             | 7.5              | 80%                |                           | Yield, Size, Health,<br>Flavor, Appearance    |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Small            |                                | Lemon Sun            | 7.0              | 75%                | 2021                      |   |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Yellow           |                                | Grandprize           | 8.7, 8.8         | 89%, 100%          | 2020, 2021                | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor,<br>Size |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Yellow           |                                | Success              | 7.0              | 78%                | 2020                      | Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor            |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Yellow           |                                | Superpik             | 8.3              | 94%                | 2023                      | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor    |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Yellow           |                                | Tempest              | 7.9, 8.1, 8.4    | 89%, 100%,<br>100% | 2018, 2019,<br>2021       | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor    |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Yellow           |                                | Tromboncino          | 8.0              | 81%                | 2023                      | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor          |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Yellow           |                                | Zephyr               | 7.6, 8.1         | 100%, 77%          | 2019, 2017                | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor    |

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| Squash,<br>Summer | Yellow,<br>Crookneck      |                                | Multipik             | 7.6              | 77%              | 2017                | Yield, Flavor,<br>Appearance, Shelf<br>Life |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Green        |                                | Black                | 7.2              | 94%              | 2023                | Health, Yield                               |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Green        |                                | Bossa Nova           | 7.6, 7.6, 6.4    | 80%, 82%,<br>75% | 2017, 2018,<br>2021 |   |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Green        |                                | Desert               | 9.0              | 86%              | 2020                | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor        |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Green        |                                | Easy Pick<br>Green   | 7.0              | 75%              | 2019                | Yield, Appearance,<br>Flavor                |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Green        |                                | Green Machine        | 6.4              | 71%              | 2020                | Appearance, Flavor                          |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Green        |                                | Green Tiger          | 8.8              | 100%             | 2021                | Appearance, Flavor,<br>Yield, Health        |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Green        |                                | Noche                | 8.0              | 88%              | 2023                | Health, Yield                               |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Green        |                                | Pantheon             | 6.6              | 75%              | 2019                | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor        |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Green        |                                | Raven                | 7.4              | 71%              | <b>2017,</b> 2018   |   |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Green, Small |                                | Eight Ball           | 7.7, 7.3         | 85%, 75%         | 2017, 2021          |   |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Speciality   |                                | Magda                | 5.4, 8.0         | 40%, 83%         | 2017 <b>, 2023</b>  | Health, Yield                               |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Speciality   |                                | Mexicana             | 8.1              | 83%              | 2023                | Health, Yield                               |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Yellow       |                                | Chiffon              | 7.8              | 88%              | 2021                | Appearance, Health                          |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Yellow       |                                | Easy Pick Gold<br>II | 8.6              | 100%             | 2019                | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor        |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Yellow       |                                | Gold Rush            | 5.7              | 71%              | 2021                | Flavor                                      |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Yellow       |                                | Golden Glory         | 8.2              | 82%              | 2020                | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor  |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Yellow       |                                | Golden Star          | 9.3              | 100%             | 2019                | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor  |
| Squash,<br>Summer | Zucchini,<br>Yellow       |                                | Goldmine             | 7.9              | 82%              | 2020                | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Flavor              |
| Squash,<br>Summer |                           |                                | Starry Night         | 6.4              | 73%              | 2019 (Blind)        | Flavor                                      |
| Squash,<br>Winter | Butternut                 |                                | Brulee               | 7.5              | 88%              | 2020                | Size, Yield                                 |
| Squash,<br>Winter | Butternut                 |                                | Metro                | 8.3              | 88%              | 2020                | Health, Yield                               |
| Squash,<br>Winter | Butternut                 |                                | Waldo                | 9.0              | 100%             | 2021                | Health, Yield, Flavor,<br>Appearance, Size  |
| Squash,<br>Winter | Butternut                 |                                | Waltham              | 8.8              | 100%             | 2021                | Health, Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor  |
| Squash,<br>Winter | Butternut,<br>Small       |                                | Honeynut             | 6.6              | 75%              | 2019                | Health, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor        |

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| Swiss<br>Chard |                  |                                | Bright Lights          | 8.2              | 100%             | 2021               | Size, Health, Yield,<br>Appearance  |
| Swiss<br>Chard |                  |                                | Rhubarb                | 7.8              | 100%             | 2021               | Size, Yield,<br>Appearance, Flavor  |
| Tomato         | Paste            | Compact                        | Little Napoli          | 8.2              | 88%              | 2023               | Yield, Flavor                       |
| Tomato         | Paste            | Compact                        | Nova                   | 7.2              | 71%              | 2023               |                                     |
| Tomato         |                  | Compact                        | Patio Choice<br>Yellow | 7.9              | 81%              | 2021               | Yield, Size,<br>Appearance          |
| Tomato         |                  | Compact                        | Tidy Treats            | 7.8              | 85%              | 2021               | Flavor, Size, Health,<br>Yield      |
| Watermelon     |                  |                                | Baby Doll              | 5.8              | 100%             | 2019               | Health, Size,<br>Appearance, Flavor |
| Watermelon     |                  |                                | Mambo                  | 7.3              | 80%              | 2020               | Appearance                          |
| Watermelon     |                  |                                | Sweetie Pie            | 8.5              | 100%             | 2020               | Yield, Appearance,<br>Flavor        |



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