

# 2026 New Introductions

## Vegetables, Fruit & Herbs

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### **Cauliflower, Amethyst Hybrid**



The earliest-maturing purple cauliflower in our summer trials. The large heads hold their vibrant color even when cooked, so you can enjoy the mild flavor and eye-catching color however you like. Plants adapt to a wide range of growing regions and are ideal for both spring and fall plantings. Heads need exposure to sunlight to develop maximum color. Source: seeds, Jung Seeds



**Jersey Breeze Tomato** Juicy and tender 10-12 ounce slicing tomato with excellent reliability and good disease resistance. During this past 2025 season's terrible tomato weather it was a top performer, and consistently churned out uniform, beautiful red fruits that were a favorite in our trial taste tests. Source: seeds, Hudson Valley Seeds



**Gordini Lettuce** Gordini is a specific variety of Summer Crisp (Batavia) lettuce, known for its heat tolerance, resistance to bolting and tipburn, and offering a crisp texture with an earthy flavor, making it great for summer growing. Source: seeds, Johnny Selected Seeds

### **Honesalat Lettuce**



This beautiful, large, and vigorous looseleaf lettuce delivers a dependably delicious, sweet flavor and a crisp, tender, and juicy midrib. Plants sport spoon-shaped, slightly curled, and moderately blistered bright-green inner leaves with a burgundy blush on the leaf surface and margins. When grown in 2020 at Seed Savers Exchange's Heritage Farm, 'Honesalat' tolerated the stresses of a hard freeze and abnormally dry conditions in Decorah, Iowa, exceptionally well. Plants matured early, bolted late, and grew to 18.5"–23.5" across and about 13.5"–17" high. Source: seeds, Seed Savers



**Otto File Flint Corn** These delicious, gold to orange cobs, also known as Eight Row Flint Corn, originated in New England and were cultivated by northeastern Native American tribes for hundreds of years before making it over to Italy and then back again. Otto File's exceptional, creamy taste, high carotenoid and protein content made it a prized polenta corn in Italy for many years. Source: Seeds Hudson Valley Seeds



**Morden Midget Eggplant** This delightful, productive, and, yes, hardy eggplant variety has survived floods, droughts, frosts, and even a hurricane since originating in 1958 at the Morden Research and Development Centre in Canada. It produces stunning, rose-purple flowers and a plethora of 3"-4" purple, oval fruits with a rich, slightly sweet flavor and a tender texture. Upright and bushy, 'Morden Midget' plants reach 18-30" tall, making them ideal for growing in containers. This variety matures about 65 days from transplant and has long proved an excellent choice for gardeners who want an earlier harvest. Source: seeds, Seeds Savers



**Ruby Ann Strawberry** Exceptional strawberry combines plentiful deliciously sweet, ruby-red fruits; ornamental beauty with showy deep-red flowers—and, of course, an outsize berry harvest. Ever-bearing hybrid 'Ruby Ann' dazzles in the garden, landscape, and is stunning in hanging baskets. Source: plants, Burpee Seeds



**Easy as Pie® Bush cherry** Easy As Pie offers both ornamental beauty and delicious fruit. Its showy white spring flowers are followed by showy tart berries. Perfect for baking, preserves, or eating fresh. Its dwarf size; 3 ft by 3ft and low-maintenance nature make it easy to grow in any garden. Source: plants, Proven Winners



**Cream of Saskatchewan Watermelon** Brought to Saskatchewan by Russian immigrants. Does well in cool northern climates. Round fruits up to 10" in diameter, 4-10 pounds. A rare treat with sweet white flesh, exceptional flavor. Pale green skin with dark stripes. Very thin rind, must be handled with care—strictly garden to table. Source: seeds, Seed Savers



**Flavorette® Honey-Apricot Edible Rose** A brand new way to love roses. On your plate! The new line of Flavorette roses will transform your garden from just viewable, to edible! Each rose was bred for reliable landscape performance and excellent taste, so you'll get the best of both worlds. With Flavorette® Honey-Apricot rose you'll get luscious bowl-shaped, petal filled blooms continuously throughout the summertime. Source: plants, Proven Winners



Amazel Basil® is the first Italian sweet basil that is resistant to downy mildew, a disease that often plagues basil. And since it's sterile, this large, vigorous plant produces a higher yield of usable, deliciously aromatic leaves. Source: plants, Proven Winners