

Vegetables Suited to Container Growing

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For something unusual on your patio or deck, there are several unique vegetable varieties suited to containers. For example, 'Sweet Chocolate' peppers ripen to a rich, chocolate brown and are sweet tasting. Their unusual color and high productivity make them an excellent choice for the container garden. Often, prize-winning vegetables can be grown in containers. The 'Thumbelina' carrot, a 1992 All-America Selections winner, has an unusual, round root. This sweet-tasting carrot can be used for canning, freezing, or eating fresh. Almost any beet can be grown in a container, and with the many varieties available, you will have your choice of colors and root shapes. The following vegetable varieties are well worth trying in your container garden this spring and summer.

VARIETY	COMMENTS
BUSH BEAN	
Frenchie (C,1)	Early
Provider (C,2)	Early, stringless
E-Z Pick (R,2)	Early, stringless
Marbel (C,2)	Early
LIMA BEAN	
Geneva (C,2)	Baby bush lima
BEET	
Formanova (R,1,2)	Carrot-like
Little Mini Ball (C,1)	Short top
Little Egypt (C,1)	Early, short top
Dwergina (C,2)	Short top
BROCCOLI	
Green Valiant (C,3)	Widely adaptable
CABBAGE	
Primax (R,2)	Early, 2 to 4 pounds

Early Jersey Wakefield (R,2,3) Early, 2 to 3 pounds
Lasso (R,2) Red, 2 to 4 pounds

CARROT

Minicor (R,1,2) 6 to 7 inch roots
Thumbelina (C,2) Early, round root
Planet (C,1) Round root
Little Finger (C,3) 4 inch roots
Royal Nantes (C,3) 6 inch roots, sweet

CAULIFLOWER

Snow Crown (C,2) Early, medium-size head

SWISS CHARD

Silverado (C,1) Dwarf, upright

CUCUMBER

Bush Pickle (R,1) 4 to 5 inch fruits

EGGPLANT

Pirouette (R,2) 2 1/2 to 4 inch fruits

LETTUCE (LEAF)

Anuenue (R,2) Heat tolerant
Red Salad Bowl (R,2) Red
Baby Oak (R,2) Early

ONION

White Lisbon (C,1) Early, bunching
Tokyo Long White (C,1) Fall or spring, bunching

PEA

Snowflake (C,2) Snowpea, short-vined
Sugar Ann (C,2) Sugar snap, 2 foot vines
Knight (C,2) 2 foot vines

PEPPER

Ace (R,2) Green, bell
Lipstick (R,2) Green, top-shaped, sweet
Cherrytime (R,2) 1 1/2 to 2 inch fruit

Sweet Chocolate (R,2) Early bell, ripens to brown

PUMPKIN

Jack Be Little (C,2) 3 inch fruits, good for trellis

New England Pie (C,2) 5 to 7 pound fruits

SUMMER SQUASH

Gold Rush (C,2) Yellow zucchini

WINTER SQUASH

Gold Nugget (R,2) Early, bush, orange, round

Cream of the Crop (C,2) Acorn type, bush, ivory skin

TOMATO

Gem State (R,2) Extra early, bush type

Burpees Pixie Hybrid (R,4) 14 to 18 inches tall, 1 3/4 inch fruit

Stokesalaska (R,4) 2 ounce fruit

Super Bush VFN Hybrid (R,4) No staking required

Basket King Hybrid (R,4) Suitable for hanging baskets

Florida Petite (R,4) 8 to 9 inches tall, 1 1/4 inch fruits

Patio Prize VFN Hybrid (R,4) 5 ounce fruits

Red Robin (R,4) 8 to 12 inches tall, 1 1/4 inch fruits

Small Fry VFN Hybrid (R,4) 1 inch fruits

Tiny Tim (R,4) 18 inches tall, 3/4 inch fruits

Toy Boy (R,4) 1 1/2 inch fruits

(R) Recommended for containers by seed companies

(C) Compact growth habit

(1) Stokes Seeds, Inc., P.O. Box 548, Buffalo, NY 14240

(2) Johnny's Selected Seeds, Foss Hill Road, Albion, ME 04910-9731

(3) Northrup King Co., P.O. Box 1827, Gilroy, CA 95021

(4) Tomato Growers Supply Co., P.O. Box 2237, Fort Myers, FL 33902

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