

## 2024 Tait Farm Organic Vegetable Seedlings

### Arugula

**Astro** – 21 days baby, 40 days full size; standard salad arugula with long green strap-leaf shape and mildly spicy and nutty flavor; edible flowers; heat and cold tolerant; space plants in a 2” band 12-18” apart; harvest when leaves reach 3-6” long, cut and come again

### Broccoli

**Belstar** – 65 days; hybrid; most heat tolerant broccoli for spring, summer, and fall planting; compact plants are widely adapted; 6-8” heads are medium green and domed with medium-sized beads and average 1.5 lb. at maturity; short stems with a thick main stalk; strong, stress-tolerant plants with good side shoot production; space plants 12” apart in rows 18–36" apart

**De Cicco** – 45 days; heirloom; Italian variety known for tender stalks and mild flavor; 3-4” heads followed by a prolific set of side shoots; long harvest period for both central heads and side shoots; pinching recommended to encourage heavier side-shoot production; space plants 12” apart in rows 18–36" apart

**Happy Rich** – 27 days; vigorous plants produce huge florets that resemble mini heads of broccoli; excellent, sweet, broccoli flavor; produces ample amounts of side shoots when plants are spaced 12–18" apart; for a single crop harvest, space plants 6–8" apart; pinching not necessary

**Imperial** – 66 days; high quality, tight, dome-shaped heads with small, dark green attractive beads; excellent heat tolerance; best suited for harvest in summer and early fall; can be harvested over a fairly long period of time; easy to grow; excellent post-harvest holding ability; space plants 10–18" apart in rows 18–36" apart

### Brussels Sprouts

**Dagan** – 100 days; hybrid; 24” plants produce reliable crops of smooth, round, firm, and tightly-wrapped, 1-1.5” diameter sprouts of excellent quality; bright green sprouts have small attachment site, and savory, earthy flavor; attractive sprouts hold well in the field; tall, straight stalks resist lodging; space 18-24” with rows 30-36”; harvest after frost when sprouts are firm and well-formed, starting at the bottom of the stalk; fall sprouts become sweeter after a few light frosts

### Cabbage

**Farao** – 65 days; hybrid; 3-4 lb. delicious, early heads that are sweet and tender; thick, juicy leaves with a slight peppery bite; small, uniform, round heads have a short core that holds well in summer heat; attractive rosebud wrappers, great for smaller households, perfect for stir-fries and egg rolls; habit suitable for dense plantings; space plants 12" apart in rows 24-36" apart

**Integro** – 85 days; hybrid; 4-5 lb.; leaves are thick and crisp, but not tough; heads are very dark purple with an attractive silver sheen and oblong shape measuring about 5" wide by 7" long; space plants 12" apart in rows 24-36" apart; suitable for mini heads at 8" spacing

## Cauliflower

**Amazing** – 68 days; open-pollinated; medium-sized plants with domed, solid curds and self-blanching, upright wrapper leaves when well fed; tolerant to both heat and cold stress; can be harvested either at the "baby head" size or when fully mature at 10"; for late summer and fall harvest; space plants 18" apart in rows 24–36" apart

**Snow Crown** – 50 days; hybrid; extra early and adaptable, shows unusual seedling vigor; good quality, medium-sized heads whether harvested in summer or fall; good tolerance to moderate fall frost; space plants 18" apart in rows 24–36" apart

## Celery

**Tango** – 80 days; hybrid; early; 18-20" non-stringy, smooth stalks with a big celery crunch and beautiful apple green tops; highly adaptable variety with great flavor and tender stalks; performs well under less-than-ideal growing conditions such as heat or moisture stress; excellent for shorter season and home gardens; self-blanching; space plants 6–8" apart in rows 24–36" apart

## Chard

**Giant Fords Hook** – 50 days; heirloom; leaves are medium-green and savoyed (crinkled) with white veins and broad, white stems; has a slightly bitter and earthy flavor; dependably heavy yields from late spring until winter; thrives in full sun; space plants 4–6" apart in rows 12–18" apart

**Improved Rainbow** – 30 days baby, 60 full size; open pollinated; striking improved blend of red, pink, white, yellow and gold stems; upright habit makes for clean production and easy harvesting; space plants 2-4" apart with 2-4" between bands for baby leaf, or 4-8" apart in rows 18-24" for full size

## Collards

**Flash** – 55 days; 16-23", smooth, broad-leaved plants; very slow to bolt, offering longer, more dependable harvests; mild, sweet flavor especially if exposed to a little frost; rapid regrowth after harvest; space plants 12-18" apart in rows 18–36" apart

## Cucumbers

**Marketmore** – 58 days; long, slender, 8-9" fruit has long been the standard for slicing cukes in the North; fruits stay uniform, dark green even under weather stress; multiple disease resistances; long harvest window; the most widely planted OP slicer in the US; space plants 12" apart in rows 5–6' apart

**Mexican Sour Gherkin** – 67 days; hybrid; unique, 1” long fruits look like baby watermelons and taste like cucumbers with citrus and tangy flavor; good fresh and pickled; ornamental vines, 10’ long have tiny leaves and flowers, perfect for the cottage garden; space plants 12” apart in rows 5–6’ apart

**Minime** – 50 days; 3-4” fruits; delicious, uniform snack-sized, mini cucumbers that have very smooth skin and juicy, refreshing flesh; harvest when fruit is finger-sized; great for throwing in a lunch box or taking in the car on a road trip; high yielding; space plants 12-24” apart in rows 5-6’ apart

**National Pickling** – 52 days; 5” fruit; short, thick cukes with blunt ends are perfect for pickles and delicious in salads; fruits have striped, medium-green skin with black spines and a slightly tapered shape to fit in a pickle jar; heavy producer; disease resistant; space plants 12-24” in rows 3-6” apart

**Suyo Long** – 61 days; Chinese heirloom; long, ribbed, dark green fruit can grow up to 18” long; mild, sweet, and burpless; seedless, tender, and crisp, great for fresh eating; widely adapted, grows well in hot weather, and sets early; trellis for straight fruits; space plants 12” apart in rows 6’ apart

**Tasty Green** – 60 days; 9” fruit; a slender Asian burpless variety with delicate skin, shallow ridges, crisp texture, and sweet flavor; best quality trellised, as fruits tend to curl if plants are left to grow over the ground; early and heavy producer; disease resistant; space plants 12-24” apart in rows 5-6’ apart

## Eggplant

**Black Beauty** – 65 days; 5-6” blocky, nearly black, bell-shaped fruits have slight signature ribbing; medium to thick skin is deep purple and glossy when mature; high yields, no spines; compact plants benefit from staking; 18-24” apart in rows 30-36” apart

**Fairy Tale** – 65 days; attractive, 2-4” lavender fruits with bold streaks of white; grows in clusters of 2-4; excellent flavor, tender, sweet, succulent, with no bitterness; very few seeds; dwarf habit, 18-24”, makes this a good container plant; space plants 18” apart in rows 30-36”

**Orient Express** – 58 days; hybrid; early and dependable; attractive, glossy, slender, 8-10” fruit; ability to set fruit in cool weather as well as under heat stress; tender, delicately flavored; space plants 18” apart in rows 30-36” apart

## Kale

**Darkibor** – 50-75 days; hybrid; 24-36” tall, dark green, densely curled leaves with excellent flavor; produces best in spring and fall; high yielding; eating quality will improve into the late fall with light frost; space plants 12–18” apart in rows 18–36” apart

**Lacinato** – 30 days baby, 60 full size; heirloom; 24-36” tall, unique blue-green savoyed leaves on extremely vigorous plant; one of most tender kale varieties; leaves sweeten with each frost; vigorous and cold-tolerant; high-yielding; space plants 12-18” apart in rows 18-30” apart

**Red Russian** – 29 days baby, 50 full size; heirloom; 24-36" tall with purple stems and green, deeply lobed foliage; leaves are tender, smooth, and sweet compared to other kales; incredibly cold-tolerant variety that improves in flavor with cold weather; space plants 12–18" apart in rows 18–36" apart

**Scarlet** – 55 days; open pollinated, 2–3' tall, upright stalks; broad, frilly, densely curled, purple leaves; vigorous plants produce reliable yields in both spring and fall; high yielding; space plants 12–18" apart in rows 18–36" apart

## **Kohlrabi**

**Terek** – 40 days; remarkable uniformity, texture, and flavor even past typical market size; exceptionally sweet and mild; holds a long time in the field without getting woody; compact plant; high quality up to 6" in diameter; space plants 4" apart in rows 12-18" apart

## **Leeks**

**King Richard** – 75 days; remarkably early, beautiful, 12" long leek with straight, slender, upright shanks that are easy to clean; sweet, mild flavor; summer or early fall harvest; tolerates light frost; space plants 6" apart in rows 24" apart

## **Lettuce – Head**

**Bergam's Green** – 51 days; open pollinated; dark green savoyed leaves with a wavy leaf margin; dense heads are high-yielding with good flavor; spring, summer, and fall harvest; good disease resistance; 10–12" apart in rows 15–18" apart

**Flashy Trout Back** – 27 baby, 55 full size; attractive green leaves with red speckles; spots darken from red to maroon as the lettuce matures; rich buttery flavor; harvest about 1" above the growing point when leaves reach about 3–4" longspace plants 10–12" apart in rows 15–18" apart

**Magenta** – 48 days; red summer crisp with bronze leaves and bright green heart; crisp texture, shiny, slightly puckered, forms a whorled, conical head with a crispy heart; heat tolerant, strong disease resistance and long shelf life; good disease resistance; 8–10" apart in rows 12–18"

**Nancy** – 52 days; medium-green leaves that are unusually thick and crisp; sturdy head that holds well; the large, well-packed heart has excellent butterhead quality; slow to bottom rot; disease resistant; space plants 10–12" apart in rows 15–18" apart

**Parris Island** – 29 days baby; open pollinated; 56 full size; uniform grey-green heads have nicely savoyed leaves; provides good flavor and texture to salad mix; disease resistant; medium-slow to bolt; space plants 10–12" apart in rows 15–18" apart

**Red Cross** – 48 days; open pollinated; heat tolerant red butterhead; large, fancy, bright-red heads make a stunning presentation; suitable for spring, summer, and fall crops; disease resistant; space plants 10–12" apart in rows 15–18" apart

**Salanova** – 55 days; dense rosette heads with attractive, thin, supple leaves, round base; delicate, buttery flavor; cut and come again; good bolt tolerance; high yielding; space plants 10–12" apart in rows 15–18" apart

**Sandy** – 21 days baby, 50 full size; uniformly mounded loose heads are well adapted to both raised beds and containers; an oak leaf-type lettuce with sweet tasting, frilly dark green leaves; exceptional disease resistance; slow to bolt; cut and come again, space plants 8-12" apart in rows 12-18" apart

## **Lettuce – Mix**

**Five Star Mix** – 35 days; varieties in this mix have uniform growth rates, ability to hold their color (especially red leaf varieties), and resistance to downy mildew; includes green oakleaf, red oakleaf, red romaine, green leaf, and red leaf lettuces; space plants 10–12" apart in rows 15–18" apart

**High Mowing Mesclun** – 28 days; blend of lettuce and mustard greens; the diversity of this mix will give you a great medley of flavor and color; mustards grow quickly, shading the soil for lettuces, creating a bountiful mix; cut-and-come-again; space plants 10–12" apart in rows 15–18" apart

## **Melons**

**Savor Cantaloupe** – 78 days; sweetest French melon with unsurpassed eating quality; small, 2 lb. classic Charentais type, faintly ribbed, with a smooth gray-green rind and dark green sutures; sweet, aromatic, deep orange flesh; disease resistance; space plants 2-3' apart in rows 6' apart

**Sugar Baby Watermelon** – 76 days; open-pollinated; round fruits, 6-8" in diameter, averaging 8-10 lb.; 1-2 fruits per plant; ripe melons are almost black; very sweet; compact vines; tough rinds resist cracking; space plants 2–3' apart in rows 6–8' apart

## **Onions**

**Cabernet** – 100 days; hybrid; medium-large, globe-shaped onions with deep red color; earlier harvest than long-day reds without sacrificing size; internal color, mostly single centers; 4-6 month storage; space plants 4" apart in rows 12–18" apart

**Candy** – 110 days; hybrid; extra sweet and so mild, cutting Candy leaves you less teary-eyed; flat globes, 3-4" with tight, light yellow skin; space plants 1/2–2" apart in rows 12–18", harvest when necks become soft and 50% of tops are falling over, pull and sun cure for 2-7 days

**Nabechan Scallion** – 60 days; hybrid; sweeter, more complex flavor than other bunching onions; upright plants with uniform, thick shanks and no bulbing; traditional Japanese variety grown for its high quality; space plants 6–8" apart in rows 18" apart

**Conservor Shallots** - 110 days; hybrid; reddish-copper with an elongated, round shape and few splits; suitable for long storage; high yielding; does not typically divide into multiple bulbs; space plants 4" apart in rows 6" apart

## Pumpkins

**New England Pie Pumpkin** – 105 days; open pollinated; dark orange-skinned pumpkins, typically 4-6 lbs.; orange flesh is stringless with a high dry matter percentage, making for a creamy texture; average yield 3-4 fruits per plant; space plants 18-24" apart in rows 4-5' apart

**Racer** – 85 days; hybrid; blocky, well-ribbed fruits have rich, dark orange color and a large, thick, firmly-attached, dark green handle; typical weight 12-18 lb.; highly productive; vigorous, short vine, great choice for smaller gardens; ideal for carving; space plants 24-36" apart in rows 4-5' apart

## Spinach

**Renegade** – 43 days; hybrid; terrific all-season variety; early and widely adapted; smooth, dark green oval leaves are succulent with fleshy, sweet, tender stems; compact, 8-10" plants are tightly packed; ultimate bolt tolerance; excellent leaf quality; never prone to brittleness or cracking; heavy, consistent, high quality yields; great disease resistance; space plants 2-4" apart in rows 12-18" apart

**Space** – 40 days; hybrid; a true three season spinach: heat tolerant, disease resistant, and slow bolting; upright habit with smooth, rounded dark green leaves; high nutrition crop that freezes well, blanched and packed in airtight bags; 2" apart in rows 12–18" apart.

## Summer Squash

**Costata Romanesco (Pantheon)** – 52 days; Italian heirloom; medium gray-green with pale green flecks and prominent ribs, excellent flavor; large-leaved trailing vines; great texture, nutty, and delicious raw or cooked; good producer of heavy male blossoms for cooking; space plants 18-24" apart in rows 6' apart

**Green Patty Pan (G-Star)** – 50 days; shiny, dark green, scalloped 2-3" fruits; open plant for easy harvest; harvest regularly, 2-3 times a week once plants begin to produce; space plants 18-24" apart in rows 6' apart

**Green Zucchini (Dunja Compact DR)** – 47 days; hybrid; high yielder of attractive, straight, dark green, glossy zucchinis; open plants and short spines make for easy harvest; disease resistant; high yields; plants are compact, single-stemmed, and spineless; harvest at 7-8"; Space plants 18-24" apart in rows 6' apart

**Yellow Squash (Goldfinch)** – 50 days; hybrid; excellent early, steady yields of tender yellow squash perched on a long, central stem; the wide-open plant habit and medium spines make for easier harvests; upright growth lends itself well to container growing; space plants 18-24" apart in rows 6' apart

## Winter Squash

**Butterbaby** – 100 days; hybrid; 4-6" highly uniform mini butternut; wonderful flavor and good color; offers about two servings each; stores 3-4 months; average weight 1-1.5 lbs; space plants 18-24" in rows 12" apart

**Butternut (Waltham)** – 105 days; open pollinated; 9" long and 4-5 lbs, standard butternut; large fruit with small seed cavities and thick, straight, cylindrical necks; smooth texture and sweet flavor; average yield 4-5 fruits per plant; space plants 18-24" in rows 12" apart

**Honey Boat Delicata** – 100 days; open pollinated; 1-1.5 lb fruit with exceptionally sweet, nutty flavor; traditional green striping with coppery skin; holds well and keeps its sweetness through storage; larger seed cavity makes it ideal for stuffing; 6' vines; space plants 18-24" apart in rows 3-5' apart

**Spaghetti Squash** – 88 days; 3-5 lb; oblong light yellow fruits; sweet, nutty flesh separates into long noodles resembling spaghetti; 4-5 fruits/plant; highly uniform, egg-shaped, with a slightly darker shell than other varieties; space plants 18-24" apart in rows 12" apart

**Sugarbush** – 90 days; hybrid; 5" wide, 2.27-2.75 lb fruit; attractive dark green fruits, deep orange flesh with exceptional sweetness and a small seed cavity; disease resistant; compact bush habit; space plants 18-24" apart in rows 6' apart