Gardening for recreation and for food production is popular in Southeast Alaska, just as it is in the rest of the world. Our short cool growing season and high rainfall levels present gardening challenges, but we have relatively low pest levels and long days.

Although many kinds of fruit and vegetables will grow well in Southeast’s climate, not all will give adequate yields. In general, the cool-season vegetables, such as potatoes, carrots and the cabbage family, thrive in our gardens while the warm season vegetables, such as beans, cucumbers and tomatoes, require protection.

One of the joys of gardening is discovering new varieties that are successful in your garden. Although there are many varieties that are not presented in the following charts that are worthy of your garden effort, the varieties listed have proven successful in Southeast Alaska. The recommendations for the varieties in the charts come primarily from Master Gardeners, commercial growers and local agricultural professionals.

Weather, soil type, nutrient levels and production strategies vary from garden to garden, so the performance of the varieties listed may vary from location to location. In general, the short-season varieties perform better than the long-season varieties. The warm-season vegetables are much more productive under high or low plastic tunnels.

The UAF Cooperative Extension Service publications 16 Easy Steps to Gardening in Alaska, HGA-00134, Raised Bed Gardening in Alaska, HGA-00132, and Gardening in Southeastern Alaska, HGA-00237, are good publications to help get you started in producing some of your own fruits and vegetables. For Southeast locations such as Haines that have a climate more similar to that seen in Southcentral Alaska, consider the varieties listed in the Extension publication Recommended Variety List for Southcentral Alaska, HGA-00031.

Let us know how the varieties listed here performed in your garden or if we did not list varieties that performed well for you.
### Garden Vegetables

**Artichokes**
- Green Globe
- Imperial Star
- Violetto

**Asparagus** (use crowns, not seed)
- Jersey Giant
- Jersey Knight

**Basil**
- Sweet
- Siam Queen

**Beans**
(bush type)
- Renegade
- Jade
- Venture
- Contender — snap green pod
- Provider — snap green pod

(pole type)
- Kentucky Wonder
- Blue Lake

**Beets**
- Early Wonder
- Detroit Red
- Chiaggo (also called Candy-stripe)
- Cylindra
- Little Ball
- Little Egypt
- Formanova

**Broccoli**
- Packman
- Green Comet
- Waltham 29
- Arcadia
- Fiesta
- Belstar
- Small Miracle

**Brussels Sprouts**
- Jade Cross
- Dwarf Improved

**Cabbage**
- Early Jersey
- Early Marvel
- Golden Acre
- Stonehead
- Derby Day
- Early Jersey Wakefield
- Copenhagen Market Early
- Earliana
- Danish Ballhead
- Ruby Ball
- Savoy Perfection
- (Chinese/Oriental)
- China Express
- Soloist

**Carrots**
- Most varieties grow well

**Cauliflower**
- Super Snowball
- Early Snowball
- Snow Crown
- Candid Charm
- Cheddar
- Extra Early Snowball

**Celery**
- Utah 52-70

**Chives**
- *Allium schoenoprasum* varieties
- Garlic chives — *A. tuberosum*

**Cucumbers** (perform better in a high tunnel or under row cover)
- Sweet Success (standard)
- Marketmore (slicing)
- Superator (European type)
- Faribo (European type)
- Slice Master (standard)
- Bush Champion (standard)
- Orient Express
- Homemade Pickles

**Dill**
- Femleaf
- Bouquet

**Fennel**
- Florence
- Perfection (northern selection)
- Bronze Smokey

**Garlic**
- Spanish Roja
- Music
- Chesnook Red
- Bavarian Purple
- Northern White
- Siberian
- Bogatyr
- Georgian Crystal
- Romanian Red
- Kilarney Red
- Metechi

**Greens**
- Fordhook Giant Chard
- Green Wave Mustard
- Seven Top Turnip
- Collards (Vates)
- Bulls Blood Beets
- Baby bok choy (pak choi)
- Arugula
- French Sorrel

**Kale** (many varieties (e.g., White Russian, Red Russian, Winterbor)

**Kohlrabi**
- Early Purple Vienna
- Early White Vienna
- Grand Duke
- Superschmelz (giant type)

**Jerusalem Artichoke** (sunroot)
- Most varieties grow well

**Leeks**
- Musselburgh

**Lettuce**
(head type)
- Ithaca
- Premier Great Lakes
- Great Lakes 659
(crispyhead type)
- Red Iceberg
- Summertime
- Reine des Glaces
(butterhead type)
- Buttercrunch
- Esmerelda
(romaine type)
- Paris White
- Flashy Trout’s Back
- Marshall
- Little Gem
- Outrageous
(loose leaf type)
- Revolution
- Oakleaf
- Green Deer Tongue
- Red Sails
- Salad Bowl
- Grand Rapids
- Black Seeded Simpson
- Mesclun salad blend
- Hume’s Gourmet Variety

Onion
- Evergreen Bunching
- Big Daddy
- Red Zeppelin
- Ailsa Craig
- Red Bull

Parsley
- Nearly all varieties do well

Parsnip
- Hollow Crown Improved
- All American
- Andover
- Gladiator

Peas
- Alaska
- Progress No. 9
- Freezonian
- Green Arrow
- Tall Telephone (Alderman)
- Dwarf Gray Sugar (edible pod snow)

Oregon Sugar Pod (bush snow)
- Sugar Snap (edible pod pole)
- Sugar Ann (edible pod bush)
- Sugar Lace (edible pod bush)

Potato
- (white)
  - Kennebec
  - Alasclear
  - Superior
  - Shepody
  - Alaska Frostless
  - Denali
  - Alaska 114
  - Green Mountain
  - Bake King
- (russet)
  - Allagash
  - Hilat
  - Russet Ranger
- (red skin)
  - Alaska Red
  - IditaRed
  - Red Pontiac
- (yellow flesh)
  - Yellow Finn
  - Yukon Gold
- (heirloom)
  - Ozette
  - Tlingit (local sources only)

Pumpkin (may grow in warmest areas)

Radish
- Cherry Belle
- Burpee White
- Champion
- Salad Rose
- French Dressing
- Easter Egg II
- Early Scarlet Globe
- French Breakfast

Rhubarb (many varieties perform well)
- MacDonald
- Victoria
- Crimson Red

Spinach (many varieties are susceptible to bolting in Alaska)
- Olympia
- Tyee (bolt resistant)
- Bloomsdale Longstanding
- New Zealand spinach (bolt resistant, but not a true spinach)

Squash (zucchini type)
- Black Beauty (bush)
- Gold Rush (yellow)
- Burpee Hybrid
- Caserta (cucozelle)
- Black Hawk
- Partenon (parthenocarpic)

Squash (green summer type)
- Eight Ball
- Giambo

Squash (winter hubbard type)
- Sweet Meat
- Golden Hubbard (large)

Squash (other types)
- Gold Nugget (golden buttercup)
- Vegetable Spaghetti (specialty)

Sweet corn (performs better in a high tunnel or under row cover)
(if outside consider)
- Polar Vee
- Earlievee

Swiss chard
- Perpetual
- Bright Lights
- Fordhook Giant
- Golden
- Northern

Turnip
- Purple Top White Globe
- Golden Globe
## Tomatoes

(perform better in a high tunnel or under row cover)
- Early Tanana
- Stupice
- Sub Arctic 25

(cold-tolerant varieties)
- Early Girl
- Glacier
- Legend
- Northern Exposure
- Oregon Spring (parthenocarpic)
- Balconi Red and Yellow
- Northern Delight
- Fourth of July

(very early varieties)
- Beaverlodge (Alberta variety)
- Sun Gold (yellow, cherry type)

### Small Fruits

**Currant**
- Ben Alder (black)
- Ben Sarek (black)
- Ben Lomond (black)
- Titania (black)
- Consort (black)
- Crandall (yellow flower)
- Viking (red)
- Minnesota 69 (red)
- Rovada (red)

**Gooseberry**
- Pixwell
- Malling Invicta
- Poorman

**Lingonberry (native species)**
- Red Pearl
- Koralle
- Erntedank

**Kiwi**
- Ananasnaya
- Issai
- *Actinidia kolomita* species

**Raspberry**
- Boyne
- Chilliwack
- Haida
- Nova
- Skeena
- Amity
- Autumn Britten
- Summit

**Strawberries**
- Hood
  - Suksan
  - Benton
  - Earliglow
  - Tribute
  - Fern
  - Salva
  - Quinault
  - Fort Laramie
  - Tristar
  - Eversweet

## Tree Fruits

**Apple**
- Yellow Transparent
- Pristine
- William’s Pride
- Gravenstein
- Lodi
- Tydeman’s Early
- Sansa
- Silken
- Akane
- Pristine

**Cherry**
- Hartland (sweet)
- Black Gold (sweet)
- White Gold (sweet)
- Lapins (sweet)
- Montmorency (sour)
- Republic (sour)

**Crab Apple**
- Oregon (Western) *Malus fusca*
- Centennial

**Prunes**
- Shiro (Japanese)
- Hollywood (Japanese)
- Beauty (Japanese)
- Early Laxton (early Italian)
- Imperial Epineuse (early Italian)

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