

My 2022 Garden

I had planted the following vegetables for my 2022 garden. I have also included how they performed for 2022. All of these were grown from seed. Happy Gardening.

Better Boy tomatoes



21 plants provided 35 pints of canned tomatoes for the winter and plenty to eat. I even gave away some green tomatoes for frying. Plants were in cages (to protect them from my dogs), pinched and grew up tall tomato stakes. I assisted the bees by hand pollinating, that is by shaking the blossoms when they opened. These are indeterminate tomatoes and they will keep growing, flowering and producing tomatoes until the frost. Calculated average was 14.5 tomatoes per plant. Planting again next year.

Beef Steak tomatoes



Did not get much production from these. What I did get was large in size. Will not plant next year.

Steak Sandwich tomatoes



Did not get much production from these. What I did get was medium in size. Will not plant next year.

Gardener's Delight Cherry tomatoes



3 to 4 plants pinched grew to 7 feet tall and provided many hours of snacking and more than enough for my salads. My XYLs favorite. Very sweet tomato.
• Planting again next year.

Emerald Giant peppers



Great peppers for stuffing and large in size. Planting again next year.

California Wonder peppers



Great peppers for stuffing and medium in size. Next year I will try a different bell pepper.

Burpee & Gurney Banana peppers



Great peppers for freezing and for spaghetti. Froze 17 small baggies of blanched strips for the Winter. Will try Slovana next year.

KY Wonder pole beans



Very productive but beans grew flat. I will go back to Blue Lake next year.

Blue Lake Pole beans



My favorite. These are tasty when sauteed in butter and onions with garlic.

Blue Lake 274 bush beans



My favorite. Froze baggies of these for the Winter. Will plant again next year.

Hart Seeds no. 7 bush beans



Good bean and backup to my Blue Lake. Froze baggies of these for the Winter. Will not plant next year.

Hart Seeds Improved no. 8 bush beans



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Sugar Ann snap peas



These do not grow well in my soil. After two years of small harvest, I will not plant next year.

Gurney's Pride Hybrid Zucchini



Planted 5 plants. I planted these seeds mid-July. When grown enough to transplant outside, it was well past the larval stage of the vine borer.

I have used this trick (Thanks Bob Thompson of PBS Victory Garden) for two years now. Works like a charm. No problems. Grew well in containers on my deck.

In fact, they seem to grow better in my containers than in the soil. Ate them sauteed with tomatoes and onions.

Also made and ate/froze Zucchini bread. Froze baggie of blanched slices for the winter. I will try Burpee's Best

Hybrid next year. If that doesn't work out, I will go back to this Hybrid.

Burpee Butter Stick Summer Squash



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Ate them sauteed with tomatoes and onions. Also made and ate/froze bread. Followed the Zucchini bread recipe but substituted squash.

The squash has more water in it than zucchini. Bread seemed to taste better with Zucchini. Froze baggie of blanched slices for the winter.

Zucchini seems to taste better and be enough for us, so I will not plant these next year.

Waltham 29 Broccoli planted in milk cartons in February



Grew well in milk cartons on my deck planted in February. I harvested sprigs and ate them. Put sprigs in my salad for Memorial Day.

Bolted when Summer heat began. I will plant again in February.

Purple Top Turnips (in container)



Grew well in containers on my deck. Very tasty and grew well although took longer than the Tokyo hybrids. Fit 10 per container. I will triple the number of containers I grow next year.

Tokyo Cross Hybrid Turnips (in container)



Grew well in containers on my deck. Not as tasty as Purple Top. Fit 10 per container. My XYL is a turnip lover and preferred the Purple Tops taste, as did I. I will not plant these next year, but will replace them with Purple Top turnips.