

North Dakota Home Garden Variety Trials 2011 Results

Over 200 households across North Dakota and northern Minnesota evaluated 120 varieties of vegetables and flowers in their gardens in 2011. Extremely wet, cold weather in spring led to delayed planting, spotty germination, and reduced yields in many cases. Several gardens were washed out by historic levels of flooding. Conditions in summer were generally favorable and unusually warm temperatures in autumn accelerated the maturation of crops. A light frost hit pockets of the state in mid-September (two weeks earlier than normal), but the first hard frost struck most gardens in mid-October, which is normal.

In each of the trials, gardeners compared varieties for a series of traits including germination rate, plant health, earliness, yield, and quality of harvested product. Gardeners rated the performance of each variety using a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 = poor and 10 = excellent. Gardeners noted which of the varieties they preferred (Pref) and which of the varieties (none, one, or both) they would recommend (Rec) to other gardeners. The following is a summary of the data, including our conclusions for each trial:



1. Bean, Dry

Developed in North Dakota, 'Great Northern' showed superior vigor and much higher yields. Its creamy white seeds cooked quickly and were mild. Every gardener preferred it over 'Kenealy Yellow', a popular bean of the Northeast.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Great Northern</i>	100	100	8.33
<i>Kenealy Yellow</i>	0	0	6.17

(6 sites)



2. Bean, Green Bush

Gardeners were delighted with the long, tender pods of both varieties. Yields were impressive and continuous until frost. 'Jade' pods were darker green and beautiful. 'Derby' showed more reliable seedling vigor; its pods were very straight.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Derby</i>	48	77	7.69
<i>Jade</i>	52	85	8.12

(30 sites)



3. Bean, Green Pole

'Fortex' germinated better, grew stronger, matured earlier, and produced higher yields. Its pods were very long (up to 10 inches), stringless, and delicious. Some gardeners preferred the blue-green color and taste of 'Kentucky Blue'.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Fortex</i>	78	82	7.18
<i>Kentucky Blue</i>	22	64	6.73

(12 sites)



4. Bean, Purple

Gardeners liked the beauty of both varieties. Several years of testing show these varieties to be quite similar, giving a slight edge to 'Royal Burgundy' for earliness and 'Royalty Purple Pod' for yield. Yields and flavor were acceptable.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Royalty Burgundy</i>	37	75	7.65
<i>Royal Pur. Pod</i>	63	88	7.98

(24 sites in 2010 and 8 sites in 2011)



5. Bean, Vegetable Soybean

'Envy' again proved it is the best variety for the north. It was healthier, earlier to mature, and much more productive. Its pods were more attractive, flavorful, and often filled with three seeds (compared to two seeds for 'Beer Friend' pods).

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Beer Friend</i>	0	40	4.50
<i>Envy</i>	100	100	7.75

(7 sites)



6. Bean, Wax

Gardeners liked both varieties and were especially impressed with their productivity. Both had healthy plants, bright yellow pods, and high yields. Some gardeners preferred the flavor of 'Gold Rush'.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Gold Rush</i>	60	80	8.80
<i>Slenderwax</i>	40	80	8.00
(5 sites)			



7. Beet

Gardeners were pleased with both varieties. Most preferred 'Early Wonder' for its vigor and sweet flavor. The roots of 'Detroit Supreme' were smoother, more globular, and deeper red. Gardeners were divided on yield and flavor preferences.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Detroit Supreme</i>	38	44	7.00
<i>Early Wonder</i>	63	67	7.40
(11 sites)			



8. Carrot, Orange Chantenay

Gardeners liked 'Royal Chantenay' but loved 'Hercules'. The roots of 'Hercules' were smoother, crisper, and sweeter. Gardeners liked its size and preferred its flavor, too. Both varieties grew well in this challenging year.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Hercules</i>	89	89	7.78
<i>Royal Chantenay</i>	11	67	6.56
(9 sites)			



9. Carrot, Orange Nantes

Gardeners in this popular trial were especially impressed with 'Nelson'. Its roots were deep orange, very smooth, and especially uniform. Roots of 'Yaya' were more susceptible to splitting. Both varieties had outstanding flavor.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Nelson</i>	62	78	7.85
<i>Yaya</i>	38	59	6.90
(42 sites)			



10. Carrot, Purple

Gardeners recommended both varieties, but mostly as a novelty. 'Deep Purple' was healthy and productive, but gardeners did not like its coarse texture or mild flavor. 'Purple Haze' roots were more uniform, smoother, and sweeter.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Deep Purple</i>	23	77	6.23
<i>Purple Haze</i>	77	85	7.77
(13 sites)			



11. Corn, Bicolor

'Trinity' germinated much better and matured earlier. Its ears looked and tasted good. The germination of 'Pay Dirt' was terrible. It is reported to germinate better than other synergistic types but it failed, even when replanted in June.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Pay Dirt</i>	21	16	3.56
<i>Trinity</i>	79	63	6.22
(24 sites)			



12. Corn, White

There was minimal interest in this trial. Both 'Country Gentleman' and 'Stowell's Evergreen' germinated well and grew vigorously but matured very late. Yields were very poor and the quality of the corn was substandard.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Country Gentle.</i>	50	50	5.50
<i>Stowell's Ever.</i>	50	0	5.00
(2 sites)			



13. Corn, Yellow

Comments were lukewarm and gardeners did not express a clear preference. Germination of the untreated seed was a problem in the cold, wet soil. Stalks of 'Sugar Buns' were sturdier and ears were attractive; 'Spring Treat' was earlier.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Spring Treat</i>	45	64	6.62
<i>Sugar Buns</i>	55	73	6.23
(15 sites)			



14. Cucumber, Pickling

The vines of 'Homemade Pickles' were more vigorous and produced earlier. Gardeners enjoyed the productivity of both varieties as well as the shape and firmness of the cucumbers for pickling.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Alibi</i>	47	69	7.07
<i>Homemade P.</i>	53	75	7.40
(16 sites)			



15. Cucumber, Slicing Burpless

The fruits of 'Burpless 26' were more uniform in shape, straighter, smoother, and less spiny. Gardeners preferred its flavor, too. 'Orient Express II' had impressive yields, but fruits were spiny and curled when grown on the ground.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Burpless 26</i>	67	85	7.77
<i>Orient Exp. II</i>	33	69	7.46
(15 sites)			



16. Cucumber, Slicing Classic

'Straight Eight' excelled in the cool growing conditions. It produced earlier and produced more. Its cucumbers showed a more uniform shape and were well suited to both slicing and pickling.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Marketmore 76</i>	43	57	7.43
<i>Straight Eight</i>	57	86	7.86
(9 sites)			



17. Cucumber, Slicing Gourmet

'Diva' cukes were smooth skinned, more uniform, smaller seeded, and tasted better. Yields were comparable with 'Sultan'. In the big picture, neither variety excelled. Concerns include lack of vigor and low yields.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Diva</i>	58	67	6.65
<i>Sultan</i>	42	53	5.81
(19 sites in 2010 and 23 sites in 2011)			



18. Cucumber, Slicing Hybrid

'General Lee' produced higher yields under our adverse conditions. Yields were surprisingly early. The quality of its cukes was as good, if not better than 'Olympian'. We were surprised at the lack of interest in this trial.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>General Lee</i>	75	80	7.20
<i>Olympian</i>	25	60	6.60
(5 sites)			



19. Lettuce, Bibb

'Buttercrunch' germinated better, looked healthier, and produced more. Gardeners preferred its darker green leaves and enjoyed its flavor. 'Nancy' had lighter green leaves with a crisp, mild taste. Both were productive and resisted bolting.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Buttercrunch</i>	62	79	7.79
<i>Nancy</i>	38	57	6.93
(16 sites)			



20. Lettuce, Leaf

We lack sufficient data to conclude very much, but both of these heat-resistant varieties produced good yields of dark green leaves throughout the spring and summer. Most gardeners preferred the taste of 'Tropicana'.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Tropicana</i>	67	100	8.67
<i>Two Star</i>	33	67	6.67
(3 sites)			



21. Lettuce, Romaine

Both varieties were healthy and productive. 'Winter Density' matured earlier and was more compact. The leaves of 'Coastal Star' were larger and heavier. Gardeners were split on appearance and taste preferences.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Coastal Star</i>	52	67	7.96
<i>Winter Density</i>	48	82	7.70
(29 sites)			



22. Melon, Asian

'Sun Jewel' showed great potential for North Dakota. Its vines were healthy and productive. Yields were reliable even in a cool summer. Its white flesh was sweet and refreshing. 'Swan Lake' looked promising but did not ripen in time.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Sun Jewel</i>	100	83	9.40
<i>Swan Lake</i>	0	0	3.60
(7 sites)			



23. Melon, Cantaloupe Early

Neither variety excelled under the cool conditions. 'Goddess' matured earlier. Gardeners liked the fuller netting on the rind of 'Halona'. Yields were comparable; both were susceptible to cracking/splitting. No clear winner on taste.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Goddess</i>	40	50	5.91
<i>Halona</i>	60	45	5.91
(16 sites)			



24. Melon, Cantaloupe Main Season

Most gardeners recommended 'Athena'. Its plants were generally healthier and its yields were higher. Gardeners were divided on which variety was better looking or tasting. The cool summer severely reduced yields of ripe melons.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Athena</i>	50	67	6.60
<i>Superstar</i>	50	50	5.80
(7 sites)			



25. Galia Melon

'Passport' is a fine green-flesh melon variety for the north. Gardeners in our trial liked its early maturity, high yields, and attractive melons. Most gardeners preferred the taste of 'Arava'. Its melons were sweeter and full of flavor.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Arava</i>	42	40	7.35
<i>Passport</i>	58	67	8.15
(5 sites in 2010 and 6 sites in 2011)			



26. Green-Flesh Melon

Both varieties matured too late. 'Jenny Lind' was preferred because it was more productive and tasted better. Not a single gardener was impressed with either of these small-fruited varieties.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Eden's Gem</i>	25	25	5.00
<i>Jenny Lind</i>	75	25	6.20
(9 sites)			



27. Mustard Spinach

'Komatsuna' produced higher yields, looked more attractive, and tasted better. Gardeners liked its dark green leaves. It withstood heat better and lasted longer into the summer. Both varieties were susceptible to flea beetle damage.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Komatsuna</i>	60	60	6.80
<i>Tendergreen</i>	40	50	6.20
(10 sites)			



28. Okra

'Star of David' matured earlier and was more productive. Both varieties grew well. One gardener preferred 'Clemson Spineless' for its more slender pod; the other gardener picked 'Star of David' for superior flavor.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Clemson Spinel.</i>	50	50	5.00
<i>Star of David</i>	50	50	6.00
(2 sites)			



29. Shelling Pea

'Lincoln' matured earlier; otherwise, gardeners rated the varieties similarly. Plants were vigorous and healthy. Gardeners were evenly divided on which variety produced more pods or tasted better.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Green Arrow</i>	52	61	7.26
<i>Lincoln</i>	48	78	7.65
(26 sites)			



30. Pea, Snap

'Sugar Sprint' produced an impressive early crop before fading. The vines of 'Cascadia' lasted longer in the season and matched, if not exceeded 'Sugar Sprint' for overall yield. 'Cascadia' pods were more attractive but not as sweet.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Cascadia</i>	49	53	6.13
<i>Sugar Sprint</i>	51	64	6.16
(32 sites in 2010 and 16 sites in 2011)			



31. Pea, Snow

'Oregon Sugar Pod 2' germinated well, grew vigorously, matured earlier, and was extremely productive. The beauty and size of 'Oregon Giant' pods were remarkable and several gardeners preferred its flavor. Both were tender and delicious.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Oregon Giant</i>	29	41	5.89
<i>Oregon S. Pod 2</i>	71	82	7.33
(18 sites)			



32. Pumpkin, Jack-O'-Lantern

Both varieties were good but not great. Plants were healthy and produced beautiful jack-o'-lanterns. 'Racer Plus' was earlier, which often led to higher yields in this cool summer. Gardeners were divided on which pumpkin looked better.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Magic Lantern</i>	50	67	6.18
<i>Racer Plus</i>	50	56	5.82
(23 sites)			



33. Radish, Pink

Gardeners liked the novel color of both varieties. They loved the bright pink color and mild taste of 'Pretty in Pink' and were impressed with the uniform size and globular shape of 'Pink Beauty'.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Pink Beauty</i>	31	91	7.28
<i>Pretty in Pink</i>	69	81	7.03
(8 sites in 2010 and 3 sites in 2011)			



34. Radish, Purple

'Amethyst' produced higher yields. Its roots were larger, deeper purple in color and more attractive; they tasted milder, too. 'Plum Purple' grew more vigorously and matured earlier, but its roots were of inferior quality.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Amethyst</i>	67	75	6.92
<i>Plum Purple</i>	33	50	6.00
(12 sites)			



35. Radish, Red

In limited testing, the hybrid 'Rover' outperformed the popular standard 'Cherry Belle' in all traits. It showed earlier maturity, higher yields, more attractive roots, and better taste. Its roots were brighter red and more globular.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Cherry Belle</i>	0	25	4.33
<i>Rover</i>	100	75	8.00
(4 sites)			



36. Squash, Summer Crookneck

There was minimal interest among gardeners for this trial and no data were submitted.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Early Gold Sum.</i>	-	-	-
<i>Gentry</i>	-	-	-
(0 sites)			



37. Squash, Summer Scallop

Most gardeners did not like either variety. Plants were healthy but yields were poor. The taste of the squash was bland. 'Peter Pan' matured earlier. Yield comparisons were mixed.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Benning's G. T.</i>	40	20	4.20
<i>Peter Pan</i>	60	40	5.00
(5 sites)			



38. Squash, Summer Straightneck

This was not a popular trial and data are very limited. 'Superpik' gets an edge for earlier maturity and higher yields. Its fruits were slightly longer. 'Multipik' received higher marks on looks and flavor.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Superpik</i>	50	50	5.00
<i>Multipik</i>	50	50	4.50
(2 sites)			



39. Squash, Summer Zucchini

'Spineless Beauty' was the clear winner. It was healthier, matured earlier, and produced more zucchini than 'Plato'. Gardeners liked its dark, smooth fruits. 'Plato' could match it for taste, but nothing else.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Plato</i>	11	67	4.89
<i>Spineless Beauty</i>	89	78	7.11
(9 sites)			



40. Squash, Winter Acorn

Plants were healthy and produced decent yields of delicious squash. The slight edge went to 'Table King', which matured earlier. 'Honey Bear' plants were more compact and their fruits were smaller, rounder, and more uniform in shape.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Honey Bear</i>	42	54	6.17
<i>Table King</i>	58	69	6.49
(11 sites in 2010 and 3 sites in 2011)			



41. Squash, Winter Buttercup

'Burgess' was preferred for its earlier maturity, higher yields, and uniformly shaped fruit. It was more reliable. Gardeners enjoyed the flavor of both. Some gardeners marveled at the sweet, dry flavor of 'Uncle David's Dakota Dessert'.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Burgess</i>	59	78	7.33
<i>Uncle David's D.</i>	42	63	6.80
(34 sites in 2010 and 21 sites in 2011)			



42. Swiss Chard, White

This was not a popular trial and data are limited. Both varieties were rated similarly for health and yield. 'Lucullus' gets an edge for its more attractive, crinkly leaves and slightly smoother taste.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Fordhook Giant</i>	25	50	5.50
<i>Lucullus</i>	75	67	6.84
(3 sites in 2010 and 3 sites in 2011)			



43. Watermelon, Red

Gardeners were surprised to harvest melons during a cool year. Both varieties had healthy vines and acceptable yields. Their melons were of similar size, appearance, and flavor. 'Sweet Dakota Rose' was earlier and more productive.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Sweet Dak. Rose</i>	61	61	7.11
<i>Sweet Favorite</i>	39	56	6.67
(23 sites)			



44. Watermelon, Red Large

Both varieties grew well, but 'Legacy' was earlier to ripen and higher yielding. The dark green rind and extra large size of 'Verona' was appealing, but most of its melons did not ripen before frost. No comments were made on taste.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Legacy</i>	67	67	5.83
<i>Verona</i>	33	50	4.17
(6 sites)			



45. Watermelon, Yellow

Both varieties struggled in the cool weather. Gardeners liked the earliness, bright yellow flesh, and sweetness of 'Yellow Doll'. They marveled at the large size (10–15 pounds), and productive vines of 'Yellow Crimson', which had peach flesh.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Yellow Crimson</i>	50	50	5.25
<i>Yellow Doll</i>	50	75	6.00
(12 sites)			



46. Marigold, Cutting

Gardeners loved both varieties. Their blooms were big and bright; their stems were sturdy and well suited for cutting. ‘Crackerjack’ seed is inexpensive; it matched, if not exceeded the new ‘Giant’ hybrid in health and beauty.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Crackerjack</i>	50	100	8.33
<i>Giant</i>	50	89	7.67
(9 sites)			



47. Sunflower, Dwarf

‘Teddy Bear’ was the clear winner. Its plants were healthier; they bloomed earlier and more prolifically. Both ‘Teddy Bear’ and ‘Dwarf Sungold’ produced double-petal, golden flowers and were attractive in the garden.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Dwarf Sungold</i>	29	38	5.00
<i>Teddy Bear</i>	71	75	8.83
(8 sites)			



48. Sunflower, Orange Cutting

Data for this trial are very limited. Both varieties were easy to grow, bloomed early, and produced gorgeous orange flowers for cutting. ‘Zohar’ is a new organic variety and looks promising; ‘Pro Cut Orange’ has done well for years.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Pro Cut Orange</i>	67	67	7.33
<i>Zohar</i>	33	100	7.33
(3 sites)			



49. Sunflower, Primrose Yellow

All gardeners recommended both varieties; however, their comments lacked much enthusiasm. ‘Buttercream’ was preferred for its earlier bloom and the intensity of its primrose color. Both are lovely additions to a garden.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Buttercream</i>	80	100	7.00
<i>Valentine</i>	20	100	6.60
(5 sites)			



50. Sunflower, Red

The plants of ‘Moulin Rouge’ were more vigorous, bloomed earlier, and produced more flowers. It was more beautiful in the garden. Its burgundy-tipped flowers delighted gardeners. ‘Chocolate’ blooms were cute.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Chocolate</i>	18	50	6.00
<i>Moulin Rouge</i>	82	91	8.36
(14 sites)			



51. Sweet Pea, Tall

Wet weather often delayed planting, but in most cases both varieties grew well and pleased gardeners with their beauty and fragrance. ‘Mammoth Choice’ bloomed earlier and more prolifically. ‘Royal’ showed a greater diversity of colors.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Mammoth Choice</i>	63	56	6.44
<i>Royal</i>	38	63	6.06
(18 sites)			



52. Zinnia, Bicolor

‘Swirls’ germinated better, bloomed earlier, and produced more flowers. Its blooms were especially showy in bouquets. Most gardeners felt the unique color combinations found in both ‘Swirls’ and ‘Whirligig’ were attractive in the garden.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Swirls</i>	67	67	7.58
<i>Whirligig</i>	33	67	6.33
(12 sites)			



53. Zinnia, Cactus

Gardeners enjoyed both varieties and rated them similarly. They liked the size and brightness of the blooms. A slight preference was shown for ‘Burpeeanna Giants’ for its uniform habit, earliness, and vibrant colors.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Burpeeanna G.</i>	50	82	8.00
<i>Giant Cactus</i>	50	82	7.11
(11 sites)			



54. Zinnia, Candy Cane

Plants of both varieties were healthy and produced a similar number of flowers. 'Peppermint Stick' showed a little more vigor. Its blooms included a wider array of colors and tones, including golden petals with red stripes and flecking.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Candy Cane</i>	27	64	6.27
<i>Peppermint Stick</i>	73	64	6.64
(12 sites)			



55. Zinnia, Cutting

The sturdy, well-branched plants of both varieties produced lots of 2-inch blooms for cutting. 'Oklahoma' was more reliable and produced more blooms than 'Cut & Come Again'. Gardeners were split on which had brighter or prettier flowers.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Cut & Come Ag.</i>	60	73	7.27
<i>Oklahoma</i>	40	91	7.55
(11 sites)			



56. Zinnia, Giant Classic

Both varieties produced lots of giant, beautiful flowers. 'California Giants' bloomed earlier, but most gardeners gave a slight edge to 'State Fair' for the fullness of its blooms and overall vigor of its plant.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>California Giants</i>	25	100	8.00
<i>State Fair</i>	75	100	8.00
(4 sites)			



57. Zinnia, Giant Lime

Gardeners enjoyed both, but preferred 'Queen Lime'. Its vigorous, disease-resistant plants produced slightly more blooms and larger blooms. It was more attractive in the garden. Both varieties were good for cutting.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Benary's G. Lime</i>	27	73	6.45
<i>Queen Lime</i>	73	91	7.18
(13 sites)			



58. Zinnia, Giant Pink

The plants of 'Benary's Giant Bright Pink' produced more flowers. Its flowers were fuller, more rounded, and vibrant. It made for a better show in the garden and in the vase. 'Giant Dahlia Bright Pink' was very good, but inferior in all respects.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Ben. G. B. Pink</i>	80	100	8.80
<i>G. Dahlia B. Pink</i>	20	20	7.80
(6 sites)			



59. Zinnia, Giant Purple

'Benary's Giant Purple' was outstanding. Its plants were strong and sturdy. It produced bigger flowers, more flowers, and bloomed earlier. 'Giant Dahlia Violet' was liked by most gardeners, but was outclassed in this trial.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Benary's G. Pu.</i>	78	89	9.00
<i>Giant Dahlia Vio.</i>	22	56	6.67
(9 sites)			



60. Zinnia, Giant Scarlet

Every gardener recommended 'Benary's Giant Scarlet'. Its flowers were large, showy, bright, and bold. Its plants were healthy and sturdy. 'Giant Dahlia Scarlet' produced beautiful flowers too, but not as many.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
<i>Benary's G. Sc.</i>	67	100	8.00
<i>Giant Dahlia Sc.</i>	33	57	7.00
(8 sites)			

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