



# North Dakota Home Garden Variety Trials

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# Summary of Results

A team of volunteers in North Dakota and surrounding states/provinces evaluated promising vegetable, herb and cut flower varieties. Gardeners at 307 sites rated varieties for health, earliness, yield and food/ornamental quality. Reports of 1,229 side-by-side comparisons were submitted.

In each report, they noted which of the two varieties they preferred (Pref) and which of the varieties they would recommend (Rec) to other

gardeners. They rated the performance of each variety using a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 = poor and 10 = excellent. The mean rating is presented in this summary.

The following is a summary of data, including our conclusions for each trial. Additional data and comments from gardeners are in the full report available at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/homegardenvarietytrials/results>.



## Bean, Green Snap

Both varieties produced good yields under harsh conditions. Gardeners who preferred ‘Bush Blue Lake 274’ liked its healthy plants and flavorful pods. ‘Strike’ pods were straight, smooth, and had a uniform size and shape.

Variety	Pref (%)	Rec (%)	Rating
B. Blue Lake 274	47	80	7.18
Strike	53	67	7.42
(40 sites)			



## Bean, Green Snap (Organic)

Gardeners were very impressed with both varieties. ‘Antigua’ pods were slender, and several gardeners felt it tasted better. ‘Provider’ germinated better at more sites, grew well, and produced earlier and higher yields.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Antigua	53	87	7.47
Provider	47	87	7.80
(19 sites)			



## Bean, Purple Filet

Gardeners who preferred ‘Celine’ praised the variety for its vigorous vines and higher yields. Gardeners who preferred ‘Velour’ noted its earliness and beautiful pods. ‘Velour’ pods turned green when cooked while ‘Celine’ pods turned yellow.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Celine	47	73	7.50
Velour	53	73	7.64
(19 sites)			



## Bean, Yellow Filet Pole (Organic)

Nearly every gardener recommended ‘Monte Gusto’. Its pods were long, very straight and tasted better. ‘French Gold’ produced beans quicker. The vines of both varieties were healthy and grew well.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
French Gold	30	50	7.20
Monte Gusto	70	90	7.70
(12 sites)			



## Beet, Gold (Organic)

‘Touchstone Gold’ roots were more flavorful, more attractive, more consistent in size, and had a more globular shape. ‘Golden Grex’ germinated better, grew more vigorously and produced much higher yields.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Golden Grex	35	53	5.94
Touchstone Gold	65	71	6.94
(21 sites)			



## Beet, Red

‘Eagle’ germinated better and produced higher yields at more sites. Gardeners liked the globular shape, taste and dark-red color of its roots. Those who preferred ‘Merlin’ often mentioned its flavor and sweetness.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Eagle	53	89	7.53
Merlin	47	63	6.84
(27 sites)			



### Beet, Red (Organic)

‘Detroit Dark Red’ germinated better, grew more vigorously, and produced higher yields at more sites. Its roots were attractive. ‘Boro’ was a good performer but showed no advantage over ‘Detroit Dark Red’ in any traits.

Variety	Pref (%)	Rec (%)	Rating
Boro	30	60	6.15
Detroit Dark Red	70	90	7.45
			(22 sites)



### Carrot, Chantenay

‘Hercules’ grew quickly and was ready to harvest earlier. Every gardener who expressed a preference for root quality thought ‘Hercules’ was superior. Both varieties grew well and were recommended by most gardeners.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Cupar	20	60	6.00
Hercules	80	100	8.20
			(7 sites)



### Carrot, Early Nantes

Gardeners liked both varieties. ‘Goldfinger’ produced higher yields at more sites. ‘Goldfinger’ carrots were large, straight, uniform and very attractive. Several gardeners felt ‘Aranka’ carrots were sweeter and tasted better.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Aranka	44	72	7.16
Goldfinger	56	77	7.70
			(53 sites)



### Carrot, Nantes (Organic)

‘Naval’ produced higher yields at more sites. Its roots were sweet, crisp, uniform in shape and beautiful. It is an impressive organic carrot variety. ‘Negovia’ is a fine variety. It grew vigorously but showed no clear advantage.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Naval	68	82	7.79
Negovia	32	56	6.94
			(39 sites)



### Corn, Early Super Sweet

Both varieties performed well consistently. ‘Catalyst’ ripened several days earlier and produced higher yields. Gardeners liked the looks and quality of its ears. ‘Kickoff’ showed strong seedling vigor and produced good tasting corn.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Catalyst	61	89	7.83
Kickoff	39	89	7.44
			(22 sites)



### Corn, Super Sweet

Most gardeners preferred ‘American Dream’ for its healthier stalks and more attractive ears. ‘Epiphany’ ripened earlier and produced higher yields at more sites. Gardeners liked the taste of both varieties but more preferred ‘Epiphany’.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
American Dream	71	57	7.43
Epiphany	29	57	7.00
			(7 sites)



### Corn, Super Sweet (Organic)

‘Enchanted’ showed its clear superiority again. It produced higher yields and had better quality ears. The only advantage of ‘Natural Sweet’ was its earliness. For the second straight year, most gardeners did not recommend ‘Natural Sweet’.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Enchanted	80	60	6.60
Natural Sweet	20	40	4.80
			(8 sites)



### Corn, Yellow Sweet

Every gardener preferred ‘Bodacious’. It ripened earlier and produced higher yields at more sites. Gardeners loved the sweetness and tenderness of its ears. ‘Honey Select’ received high marks, but it was overshadowed by ‘Bodacious’.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Bodacious	100	100	8.75
Honey Select	0	50	7.75
			(7 sites)



### Cucumber, Armenian

‘Light Green’ germinated better, showed more vigor, and produced earlier and higher yields. ‘Striped’ cucumbers tasted much better. These striped “snake melons” were more attractive, colorful, juicy and flavorful.

Variety	Pref (%)	Rec (%)	Rating
Light Green	40	70	6.50
Striped	60	60	6.30
(11 sites)			



### Cucumber, Burpless

‘Summer Dance’ produced earlier and higher yields. ‘Summer Dance’ cucumbers were dark green, smooth-skinned and had crisp, sweet flavor. ‘Shintokiwa’ is a promising organic burpless cucumber.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Shintokiwa	32	57	6.64
Summer Dance	68	78	8.00
(43 sites)			



### Cucumber, Pickling

‘Homemade Pickles’ germinated better, produced earlier and produced more cucumbers. ‘Max Pack’ cucumbers were darker green and more attractive. Gardeners were evenly split on which variety’s cucumbers tasted better.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Home. Pickles	57	68	6.86
Max Pack	43	57	7.07
(35 sites)			



### Cucumber, Slicing

Gardeners liked both varieties and were split on their preferences. ‘Speedway’ produced earlier and higher yields. ‘General Lee’ produced higher quality cucumbers. This was our least popular cucumber trial this year.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
General Lee	50	75	7.00
Speedway	50	75	6.00
(9 sites)			



### Cucumber, Snack

‘Green Light’ produced earlier and higher yields at more sites. Its cucumbers had smooth skin while ‘Muncher’ cucumbers had tiny spines. Gardeners who preferred ‘Muncher’ often mentioned its crisp texture and sweetness.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Green Light	57	74	7.16
Muncher	43	76	7.30
(43 sites)			



### Kohlrabi, Green (Fall)

‘Winner Improved’ excelled in all traits including germination, yield and eating quality. ‘Quickstar’ was disappointing, and few gardeners recommended it. Most kohlrabi trials reported little to no yield due to drought.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Quickstar	33	22	5.22
Winner Improved	67	89	7.33
(25 sites)			



### Lettuce, Red Butterhead (Organic)

‘Sweet Valentine’ germinated better, grew faster and produced higher yields. More gardeners preferred the relatively mild taste of ‘Sweet Valentine’. Gardeners liked the dark-red color of ‘Alkindus’ and its resistance to bolting.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Alkindus	41	68	6.70
Sweet Valentine	59	86	7.81
(28 sites)			



### Lettuce, Green Crisphead (Organic)

Both varieties tolerated heat, resisted bolting and produced good yields of delicious lettuce. ‘Muir’ had attractive, ruffled leaves while ‘Nevada’ had large, easy-to-pick leaves. There were no clear advantages to either variety for yield or taste.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Muir	48	87	8.35
Nevada	52	83	8.39
(30 sites)			



### Lettuce, Red Crisphead (Organic)

‘Magenta’ germinated and grew faster, and produced higher yields. Its red-tinged leaves were beautiful. Gardeners were impressed by the mild, sweet taste of ‘Pablo’. Both varieties tolerated the intense summer heat and resisted bolting.

Variety	Pref (%)	Rec (%)	Rating
Magenta	67	89	8.33
Pablo	33	67	7.67
			(12 sites)



### Lettuce, Green Leaf

Both varieties received high marks. Most gardeners preferred ‘Tropicana’. It germinated better and produced higher yields. Gardeners liked the beauty and taste of its bright green, thick, crumpled leaves.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Slobolt	29	75	7.75
Tropicana	71	75	7.63
			(10 sites)



### Lettuce, Red Leaf (Organic)

‘New Red Fire’ and ‘Red Sails’ performed extremely well again this year under drought conditions. ‘Red Sails’ showed better resistance to bolting. Plants of both varieties were healthy and produced good tasting lettuce.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
New Red Fire	33	100	8.33
Red Sails	67	67	8.67
			(5 sites)



### Melon, Early Cantaloupe

‘Goddess’ ripened earlier and produced higher yields at more sites than ‘Halona’. More gardeners preferred the taste of ‘Goddess’. ‘Halona’ was recommended by fewer gardeners and did not show superiority in any traits.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Goddess	67	73	7.20
Halona	33	53	6.26
			(18 sites)



### Melon, Heirloom Cantaloupe (Organic)

Very few gardeners were interested in this trial. Our two reports showed general satisfaction with both varieties. ‘Hearts of Gold’ was recommended by both gardeners. ‘Pride of Wisconsin’ showed it may be a productive variety.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Hearts of Gold	50	100	6.00
Pride of Wisc.	50	50	6.50
			(2 sites)



### Melon, Heirloom Honeydew

‘Jenny Lind’ produced earlier and higher yields, and gardeners preferred the taste of its fruits compared to those of ‘Montreal Market’. Both of these heirloom varieties suffered from pests and diseases. Data are limited.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Jenny Lind	80	60	5.60
Montreal Market	20	20	5.80
			(6 sites)



### Pea, Shell

‘Lincoln’ vines were healthier and more productive at more sites. More gardeners preferred the taste of ‘Lincoln’. Its pods were larger and easier to open. ‘Knight’ vines were compact and produced the first yield in many gardens.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Knight	45	63	7.39
Lincoln	55	78	7.94
			(36 sites)



### Pea, Snap

‘Sugar Ann’ received high ratings. Gardeners were very impressed with its earliness, healthy vines, high yields and delicious taste. ‘SL3123’ rated much lower for all traits and few gardeners recommended the variety.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
SL123	11	28	4.33
Sugar Ann	89	94	8.17
			(30 sites)



### Pea, Snow

Both of these varieties struggled in the drought. ‘Avalanche’ matured earlier and tasted sweeter, although its pods had a tendency to curl. ‘Sweet Horizon’ pods were flatter and very attractive.

Variety	Pref (%)	Rec (%)	Rating
Avalanche	63	67	6.78
Sweet Horizon	38	33	6.11
			(12 sites)



### Pumpkin, Midsize

‘Bellatrix’ produced higher yields and more pumpkins. Its vines showed better resistance to powdery mildew. ‘Bellatrix’ ripened earlier. ‘Howden’ is a popular Halloween pumpkin, and most gardeners felt its pumpkins were more attractive.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Bellatrix	60	80	6.70
Howden	40	80	6.00
			(13 sites)



### Pumpkin, Large

‘Large Marge’ germinated better, was healthier, ripened earlier and produced higher yields. ‘Large Marge’ pumpkins were bigger and more attractive. Most gardeners recommended ‘Howden Biggie’, but it was inferior.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Howden Biggie	31	69	6.94
Large Marge	69	94	7.56
			(19 sites)



### Pumpkin, Gray

Gardeners liked the look of the ‘Jarrahdale’ pumpkins. Jarrahdale’ germinated well and produced a higher yield at more sites. Half of our gardeners preferred ‘Queensland Blue’, but this variety did not stand out in any traits.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Jarrahdale	50	71	7.57
Queensland Blue	50	43	7.00
			(15 sites)



### Radish, Bicolor (Spring)

Although few gardeners participated in this trial, every one of them recommended both ‘Red Head’ and ‘Diana’. ‘Red Head’ germinated well and produced good yields.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Diana	50	100	7.25
Red Head	50	100	7.50
			(6 sites)



### Radish, Bicolor (Fall)

Gardeners liked both varieties and they were closely split on their preference. Many gardeners felt ‘Diana’ tasted better. They enjoyed the crisp texture of the ‘Diana’ roots. ‘Red Head’ grew faster and produced higher yields at more sites.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Diana	53	71	7.76
Red Head	47	71	7.24
			(21 sites)



### Radish, Red (Spring)

Both varieties have reputations for being tolerant of heat, and this year’s trials reinforced that quality. ‘Rover’ edged ‘Sora’ in germination, earliness and eating qualities. ‘Sora’ produced higher yields in more gardens.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Rover	58	84	7.42
Sora	42	68	7.11
			(19 sites)



### Radish, Red (Fall)

‘Rover’ germinated better in the hot summer soil and produced the first radishes at more sites. More gardeners preferred the taste of ‘Rover’ over ‘Celesta’. ‘Celesta’ received high marks for the beauty of its cherry-red roots.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Celesta	46	77	7.77
Rover	54	85	7.38
			(17 sites)



### Spinach, Semi-Savoy Leaf (Spring)

Both varieties struggled in the heat, and both varieties received fairly low marks. ‘SV2146VB’ resisted bolting much better, contributing to higher yields. Its leaves were dark green and very attractive. ‘Sioux’ did not excel in any trait.

Variety	Pref (%)	Rec (%)	Rating
Sioux	33	56	6.11
SV2146VB	67	56	6.67
			(16 sites)



### Spinach, Semi-Savoy Leaf (Fall)

‘Kookaburra’ grew faster and produced higher yields. It had larger leaves, fuller plants and was judged healthier at more gardens. Most gardeners recommended ‘Tundra’ but it did not distinguish itself. Ratings for eating qualities were similar.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Kookaburra	58	84	7.28
Tundra	42	68	6.92
			(36 sites)



### Spinach, Smooth Leaf (Spring)

The drought this year really brought out the superior qualities of ‘Space’. It germinated better, grew faster, resisted bolting better, produced higher yields and tasted better at more sites. It is an outstanding variety for spring.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Lizard	27	50	7.00
Space	73	81	8.13
			(23 sites)



### Squash, Smooth Leaf (Fall)

‘Space’ germinated better, grew faster and produced higher yields under drought conditions. The two varieties received similar marks for eating quality with ‘Lakeside’ getting the edge in attractiveness and ‘Space’ the edge for flavor.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Lakeside	41	73	6.86
Space	59	86	7.55
			(30 sites)



### Squash, Green Zucchini

‘Green Machine’ was extremely impressive. Its vines were healthier, more vigorous and much more productive. The production started early in summer and continued to frost. ‘Spineless Beauty’ vines were spineless and easy to harvest.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Green Machine	87	93	8.53
Spineless Beauty	13	47	6.53
			(18 sites)



### Squash, Yellow Zucchini

Both varieties grew well and produced lots of attractive, delicious fruits in gardens across the state. Most gardeners gave an edge to ‘Yellowfin’ for the uniformity and taste of its fruits.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Golden Glory	44	78	7.22
Yellowfin	56	78	8.11
			(10 sites)



### Squash, Winter Acorn

Both varieties received very high marks. That said, nearly every gardener preferred ‘Autumn Delight’. It matched or surpassed ‘Bellorado’ for all traits including earliness and yield.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Autumn Delight	86	100	9.29
Bellorado	14	86	8.14
			(10 sites)



### Squash, Winter Baby Butternut

Both varieties received very high marks. Most gardeners preferred ‘Butterbaby’. Its fruits were smaller, more attractive and tasted better. The vines of ‘Honeynut’ were more vigorous. Yields were similar.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Butterbaby	57	86	7.57
Honeynut	43	86	8.00
			(10 sites)



### Squash, Winter Butternut (Organic)

Nearly every gardener preferred the classic variety ‘Waltham’. ‘Waltham’ produced earlier and higher yields. Its fruits were beautiful and uniform. ‘Essex’ did well but could not match the performance of ‘Waltham’.

Variety	Pref (%)	Rec (%)	Rating
Essex	13	57	7.88
Waltham	88	86	9.13
			(9 sites)



### Squash, Winter Delicata

‘Bush Delicata’ germinated better, ripened much earlier and produced higher yields. Its vines were compact and resisted diseases. Gardeners who preferred ‘Honey Boat’ often cited its rich, sweet flavor.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Bush Delicata	57	86	7.21
Honey Boat	43	64	6.93
			(18 sites)



### Swiss Chard, Pink (Organic)

‘Charbell’ was healthier and grew robustly. It produced a higher yield and was more attractive. Its brilliant stems outshone those of ‘Magenta Sunset’, a popular variety that looked mediocre in comparison.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Charbell	86	86	8.00
Magenta Sunset	14	57	7.14
			(7 sites)



### Swiss Chard, Red (Organic)

Both varieties grew well and received high marks. Both varieties were healthy and resisted bolting. The major difference was the beauty of the ‘Bali’ leaves. The red color of its stems was brilliant and uniform.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Bali	75	100	8.75
Rhubarb Supreme	25	75	7.50
			(6 sites)



### Turnip, Purple Top (Fall)

Pests and drought hindered both varieties. Most gardeners preferred ‘Violet Queen’. This hybrid variety grew vigorously and matured faster at more sites. More gardeners felt the roots of ‘Purple Top White Globe’ were more attractive.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Purp. T. W. Globe	38	88	7.00
Violet Queen	63	88	8.00
			(21 sites)



### Watermelon, Red

‘Sweet Dakota Rose’ was healthier, ripened fruits earlier and was more productive. The flesh of its melons was crisp, sweet and delicious. ‘Fantasy’ performed inconsistently across the state and was subject to blossom end rot.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Fantasy	28	50	5.89
Swt. Dakota Rose	72	89	7.39
			(25 sites)



### Watermelon, Red Icebox

‘Blacktail Mountain’ grew better, matured earlier and produced higher yields. ‘Blacktail Mountain’ grew better this year compared to previous years. Perhaps this is a sign it can tolerate heat and drought better than ‘Sugar Baby’.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Blacktail Mtn.	57	57	6.57
Sugar Baby	43	43	5.71
			(8 sites)



### Basil, Italian (Organic)

‘Genovese’ was rated superior in all categories, especially in taste qualities. Previous testing has shown ‘Prospera’ is the best of the downy mildew-resistant basil varieties. In the absence of the disease, ‘Prospera’ is inferior to ‘Genovese’.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Genovese	85	92	8.77
Prospera	15	58	7.31
			(16 sites)



### Basil, Italian Large Leaf

Both varieties received high ratings for their beautiful, healthy, productive plants. ‘Newton’ was preferred by most gardeners and recommended by all of them. It had a milder taste with less anise flavor.

Variety	Pref (%)	Rec (%)	Rating
Newton	63	100	8.38
Prospera I. L. Lf.	38	63	7.38
			(9 sites)



### Balsam

‘Camellia Flower Mix’ bloomed earlier, had more blooms and was judged to be the prettier variety at more sites. Gardeners liked the array of colors in ‘Bush Mix’. Both varieties bloomed late in the season.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Bush Mix	50	71	7.08
Camellia Flower	50	75	7.33
			(28 sites)



### Marigold, Gold Cutting

The plants of both varieties were tall and sturdy with large, bright blooms. The plants kept blooming well into fall and made beautiful bouquets. Most gardeners preferred ‘Oriental Gold’. Gardeners liked the vigor of this variety.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Coco Gold	42	69	6.38
Oriental Gold	58	92	7.46
			(15 sites)



### Morning Glory, Blue

‘Heavenly Blue’ vines were healthy, vigorous and full of velvety blue flowers. It bloomed earlier and more gardeners felt it was the prettier variety. ‘Flying Saucers’ germinated well and had interesting blue streaks on its blooms.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Flying Saucers	33	67	6.22
Heavenly Blue	67	67	6.67
			(13 sites)



### Sunflower, Bicolor

Gardeners generally liked but did not love these varieties. ‘Florenza’ was more vigorous and healthy. It had taller stalks with more and larger flowers. Gardeners liked the more vibrant colors of ‘Ring of Fire’.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Florenza	50	67	5.78
Ring of Fire	50	56	6.33
			(12 sites)



### Sunflower, Bicolor Dwarf

‘Firecracker’ bloomed first. Its blooms were warm and vibrant. Its plants were uniform. ‘Music Box’ blooms had a wider range of colors, some bright and some pale. Its plants had many flowers, and they bloomed late into the fall.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Firecracker	69	77	7.77
Music Box	31	62	7.15
			(14 sites)



### Sunflower, Orange

We were surprised at the lack of interest in this trial. The few gardeners in this trial liked both varieties and were evenly split on the variety they preferred. More gardeners felt Vincent’s Choice’ was prettier, but data are quite limited.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Sunrich Orange	50	75	6.75
Vincent’s Choice	50	75	7.25
			(4 sites)



### Sunflower, Orange Dwarf

‘Hella Sonnenblume’ germinated better and was healthier. It produced more flowers. ‘Orange Hobbit’ had bright orange blooms on much shorter plants. More gardeners felt it was prettier than ‘Hella Sonnenblume’. Data are limited.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Hella Sonnenbl.	50	75	6.75
Orange Hobbit	50	50	6.75
			(4 sites)



### Zinnia, Cactus Mix

Both varieties produced beautiful blooms, excelled as cut flowers, and bloomed until the first frost. ‘Bright Jewel Mix’ germinated much better, bloomed earlier and produced many more flowers. It had a wider range of colors.

Variety	Pref (%)	Rec (%)	Rating
Bright Jewel	92	100	8.62
Giant Mix Impr.	8	69	6.85
			(16 sites)



### Zinnia, Dahlia Mix

Last year, most gardeners preferred ‘State Fair’ for its bold colors. This year, most gardeners preferred ‘California Giants’. ‘California Giants’ germinated well, bloomed first in most gardens and produced more flowers overall.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
California Giants	56	82	8.00
State Fair	44	68	7.38
			(31 sites)



### Zinnia, Scarlet Dahlia

‘Scarlet Flame’ bloomed earlier and had more flowers. Its flowers were big, bright and uniformly red. ‘Meteor’ flowers had shades of magenta which disappointed some gardeners. ‘Meteor’ was good, but it did not stand out in any trait.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Meteor	30	60	7.40
Scarlet Flame	70	90	8.50
			(10 sites)



### Zinnia, Mexican

Both had low, spreading habits and produced flowers in warm colors. ‘Jazzy Mix’ plants were healthier, stronger and fuller. They bloomed earlier and produced more flowers at more sites. ‘Aztec Sunset’ rated lower for all traits.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Aztec Sunset	13	56	6.67
Jazzy Mix	88	89	7.78
			(11 sites)



### Zinnia, Scabiosa

‘Candy Mix’ germinated better, was healthier, bloomed earlier and produced more flowers. ‘Cresto! Mix’ did not excel in any trait. Some gardeners were disappointed in the lack of flowers with crested petals for both varieties.

Variety	Pref	Rec	Rating
Candy Mix	63	63	7.25
Cresto! Mix	38	63	7.25
			(9 sites)

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