Asparagus
UC157: excellent, green, slow to fern
Atlas: new, purple-tipped, slow to fern
Purple Passion: mild flavor, purple, less productive

Beans
Blue Lake: old standard, reliable, good flavor
Contender: vigorous, easy to pick, good flavor
Nash: heat tolerant, good flavor
Festina: reliable, good flavor

Beets
Detroit Dark Red: do well early spring through summer, mulch well, greens are great when young
Lutz Green Leaf: good for greens
Golden: tasty and beautiful, heirloom

Bok Choy
Red Choi: good flavor when small, grows well in containers, red foliage
Joi Choi: fast maturing, heat tolerant

Cabbage
Savoy types: grows well here, slow to bolt in heat, tastes good, needs consistent BT applications for cabbageworm
Mammoth Red Rock: large red cabbage, overwinters pretty well, heirloom

Cantaloupe
Ambrosia: very prolific, sweet 2 - 3 lb. melons, about 14 per plant
Caravelle: produces a large amount of melons with great taste
Superstar: short, sweet
French Orange: super sweet, firm, produces June - October

Carrots
Rainbow F1: mixed colors of very sweet slender carrots
Danvers Half Long: broad shoulders, very tasty, will oversummer without much damage
Sweet Treat: short, sweet
Purple Dragon: dark purple skin, sweet orange inside

Caluliflower/Broccoli
Violet Queen: purple intermediate type with cauliflower leaves and broccoli-like head, delicious, gorgeous, takes light frost

Corn
Hickory King: white, open pollinated For grits or tortilla flour, harvest in late summer when dry or harvest young for roasting ears.
Mirai: short plant, excellent flavor
many varieties: but should be 65 day corn for here to avoid high temperatures and earworms

Cucumber
Sweet Success: average length, needs lots of mulch
Sumpter: pickling size, stays sweet
Dasher II: large size, good tasting slicer

Eggplant
Dusky: late to produce so you can plant seedlings later in spring
Ichiban: long cylindrical type for slicing
Gretel: 2009 AAS winner, lots of long, small, slender white fruits, medium sized plant, good in containers

Garlic - Red Toch
softneck, redstreaked, large bulbs, matures a bit earlier

Leek - Giant Musselburgh
huge, overwinters well, heirloom

Lettuce
Buttercrunch: sweet, butter head
Green Ice: consistent, loose-leaf
Prize Leaf: red-tipped loose-leaf
Little Caesar: good flavor, romaine

New Red Fire: looks good, large heads, tastes great
Simpson Elite

Okra
Cajun Delight: lower, produces more per linear foot of rows
Clemson Spineless: 2 or 3 plants per family are plenty, pick often

Onions
Yellow Granex Hybrid 33: sweet mild flavor
White, Yellow or Red Granex 1015: consistent and sweet, flat
Bermuda: old favorite, hard to find, flat, sweet

Recommended Vegetable Varieties—Collin County Master Gardeners
### Peas
- **English Pea - Maestro**
  sweet, moderately mildew resistant, raised bed only
- **Sugar Snap Pea**
- **Super Sugar Snap**
  sweet, plump, productive, raised bed only
- **Sugar Ann**
  good producer of fat, edible pod snap peas

### Peppers
- **Big Daddy**
  light yellow, marconi-type sweet pepper, very prolific
- **Fish**
  variegated foliage and fruit, gorgeous, ethnic heirloom, containers
- **Fat and Sassy**
  reliable, green to red
- **Tequila**
  beautiful lilac, productive
- **Orange Sun**
  sweet and beautiful
- **Early Sensation**
  large, green to yellow, sweet
- **Holy Mole**
  very prolific, hot pepper used to make traditional Mole sauce
- **Hungarian Wax**
  small but prolific plants with fairly hot fruit, heirloom
- **jalapeno**
  easy to grow, compact plant, does well in containers
- **jalapeno 'mucho nacho'**
  plump red, not mild, but not real hot
- **Mariachi hybrid**
  spicy taste with mild heat, ripens in cream color and then turns red, 4" long, 2" wide, prolific, 65 days to harvest
- **Mexibell**
  hot, but looks like a bell pepper

### Potatoes
- **LaSoda**
  good quality, red skinned
- **Kennebec**
  large, white keeper
- **Yukon Gold**
  flavorful, yellow, small to medium
- **Desiree**
  Excellent, small, yellow, gourmet
- **Caribe**
  pretty, purple skinned, white
- **Russian Banana**
  easy to grow, versatile fingerling potato, disease resistant

### Radish
- **Easter Egg**
  mixed colors, tasty, easy to grow, matures quickly
- **French Breakfast**
  elongated red radish with white tip, mild flavor, easy to grow
- **Nero Tondo**
  Spanish black radish, gets quite large, very tasty and easy to grow

### Squash
- **Zebra Zuke**
  delicious, striped, productive
- **Sunray**
  yellow, mild
- **Gentry**
  yellow crookneck, apparently bred for the South
- **Greyzini**
  matures and produces extra early before vine borers take hold, great flavor
- **Zephyr**
  a bi-colored 3-way hybrid of yellow crookneck, delicata and yellow acorn squash, delicious, prolific

### Swiss Chard
- **Bright Lights**
  very easy, withstands high heat without bitterness, cut-and-come-again growing habit, pretty
- **Fordhook Giant**
  very large and very tasty, attractive landscape plant if grown in rich soil

### Tomatoes - Large
- **Early Girl**
  easy to grow, tasty, matures quickly
- **Celebrity**
  tasty, disease resistant, handles uneven moisture better than most so less cracking, firm, easy to slice
- **Carnival**
  old favorite, large, flavorful
- **Carbon**
  dark fleshed, excellent flavor
- **Paul Robeson**
  brick colored, complex flavor, heirloom

### Tomatoes - Small
- **Juliet**
  small red paste tomato, abundant elongated fruits, good flavor, keeps producing in summer, ripens in 60 days
- **Sweet Baby Girl**
  small red cherry tomato, tender, sweet flavor, produces over long period of time ripens in 65 days
- **Sweet Gold**
  yellow cherry tomato, abundant clusters of yellow-gold tomatoes, fruity flavor, tender, long season, ripens in 60 days
- **Porter**
  small red tomato, less cracking than sweet 100s
- **Sugary**
  very tasty, large producer
- **Yellow Pear**
  incredibly prolific, indeterminate, heirloom

### Turnips
- **Purple Top**

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These varieties have been recommended by members of the Collin County Master Gardener Association as plants they have successfully grown. You may need to order seed to grow some of these plants. There are many other varieties available and there are many other lists of recommendations. Go to our website www.ccmgatx.org for more information.