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
- Violette

#### 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

#### 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
- Earlana
- 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
- Fernleaf
- 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 Sorrell

#### 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
(crisphead 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 (cocozelle)
Black Hawk
Partenon (parthenocarpic)
(green summer type)
Eight Ball
Giambo
(winter hubbard type)
Sweet Meat
Golden Hubbard (large)
(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)  
(cold-tolerant varieties)  
Early Tanana  
Stupice  
Sub Arctic 25  
(very early varieties)  
Early Girl  
Glacier  
Legend  
Northern Exposure  
Oregon Spring (parthenocarpic)  
Balconi Red and Yellow  
Northern Delight  
Fourth of July  
(other varieties)  
Beaverlodge (Alberta variety)  
Sun Gold (yellow, cherry type)

**Small Fruits**

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| Lepaared |
| Captivator |
| Hinnomaki Red |
| Jostaberry (currant X gooseberry) |

| Kiwi |
| Ananasnaya |
| Issai |

**Actinida kolomita species**

| Lingonberry (native species) |
| Red Pearl |
| Koralle |
| Erntedank |

| Raspberry |
| Boyne |
| Chilliwack |
| Haida |
| Nova |
| Skeena |
| Amity |
| Autumn Britten |
| Summit |

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

**Tree Fruits**

| Apple |
| Yellow Transparent |
| Pristine |
| William's Pride |
| Gravenstein |
| Lodi |
| Tydeman's Early |
| Sanza |
| Silken |
| Akane |
| Pristine |

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

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

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