



Eggplant Varieties Available at the 2018 Great Tomato Plant Sale

NOTE: Sales in Walnut Creek, Antioch and Richmond. Check this website for dates, times & locations. Note that not all varieties will be available at all sales.

- **ANTIGUA** (75 days). A beautiful heirloom eggplant with streaks of violet that fade to lavender. The fruit grows to about 8 inches long and 3 inches wide with creamy white flesh that is very tender and mild tasting. Very productive plants bear fruit continuously throughout the season.
- **BEHOLD** (60 DAYS). These fruits average 4" x 8". It is a violet-purple with white stripes, tender skin, few seeds, with a very sweet non-bitter flavor. This eggplant can be used for marinating or grilling. *New for 2018.*
- **BLACK BEAUTY** (80 days). This variety is nearly 100 years old, and still well-loved as the classic big-fruited black eggplant. Glossy fruits become quite large but are well shaped, and perfect for slicing into thick eggplant steaks for grilling or eggplant parmesan.
- **CASPER** (70 days). This beautiful eggplant has snow white skin and flesh. Plants are compact, and fruit is best when harvested small. The fruit works well for roasting, grilling or stewing.
- **DANCER** (65 days). Deep pink Italian type. Semi-cylindrical fruits are mid-sized (7-8" long by 3-4" diameter), mild, and non-bitter. Plants are strong and high yielding. Popular in Puerto Rico. Green calyx. A UC Master Gardener favorite and one you won't find on the grocery store shelf!
- **FAIRY TALE** (65 days). Purple and white mini eggplant. Attractive 2-4" long fruits are borne abundantly on compact 13-24" plants. Delicious flavor with no bitterness and very few seeds. Some fruit may be picked in clusters. *New for 2018.*
- **GALINE** (65 days). High-yielding Black Bell type. Very glossy, uniform, black fruits are 6-7" long by 3-4" in diameter. Strong plants produce early, firm fruits. High yielding, even in cooler areas. Green calyx.
- **HANSEL** (55 days). Solid purple early-producing eggplant. Fruit can be picked at 3-4" long, in clusters for early harvest. This variety is non-bitter and perfect for grilling or slicing thin onto a pizza. *New for 2018.*
- **LISTADE DE GANDA** (75 days). Egg shaped 5-6" fruit with dramatic irregular white stripes on compact plants. Delicious flavor with thin skin that doesn't require peeling. Heat and drought tolerant. *New for 2018.*



- **MANGAN** (58 days). Dark purple Japanese type. Glossy and very dark purple fruit, averaging 4-5" long by 1½-2¼" diameter. High yielding and early. Heat resistant and early producing. Great for pickling but also for grilling and roasting. Purple calyx. *New for 2018.*
- **NADIA** (67 days). Traditional black Italian type. 7-8" long by 3-4" diameter, the uniform dark purple fruits are glossy and blemish free. Tall, sturdy plants can set fruit under cool conditions. Green calyx.
- **ORIENT CHARM** (65 days). Pink and white Asian type. 8-10" long by 1½-2½" diameter, slender fruits, with attractive shades of fluorescent pink, pastel pink, and white. Strong plant with high yields. Green calyx.
- **ORIENT EXPRESS** (58 days). Dark purple Asian type. Attractive, glossy, slender fruit, 8-10" long by 1½-2½" diameter. Ready up to 2 weeks before other early varieties, it features an ability to set fruit in cool weather as well as under heat stress. Tender, delicately flavored, and quick cooking. Purple calyx.
- **PATIO BABY** (45 days). Prolific producer, 2-3" purple/black fruit. Mild, sweet, rich flavor is delicious baked, roasted or sautéed. *New for 2018.*
- **ROSA BIANCA** (70-85 days). Rosy-lavender with white shading, 5-6" oval fruit. Mild flavor, ideal for baking or roasting. Plants grow 24-36" tall. *New for 2018.*
- **ROUND MAUVE** (65 days). This beautiful eggplant is spherical, about 4" across, with rose lavender thin skin and a pure white interior. Lovely to cook with as its size is ample without being overwhelming, and the flesh is mild and meaty with absolutely no trace of bitterness. Earliness and great productivity add to the attributes of this terrific eggplant.
- **SHOOTING STARS** (57 days). A small striped, vivid purple and white eggplant. The plant, about 2½' tall, bears 3-4" oblong shaped fruit, which tastes as good as it looks. Good in containers or garden. *New for 2018.*