



Varietal Selection

- Look for disease resistance
- Look for “great for northern growers” or “regionally adapted to the north” or “widely adaptable”
- Hybrid or open pollinated – preference is grower by grower
- Heat or cold tolerance
- Days to maturity
- What looks good? What jumps off the page at you?

Amy’s Acre Variety Examples

WHAT	WHY
Carrot – Danvers 126	Strong stems/leaves, shorter
Beet – Badger Flame	WI bred, blocky, better germ
Radish – French Breakfast	All weather performer, tender
Broccoli, spring – Imperial	Heat tolerant
Broccoli, fall – Marathon	Cold tolerant, relatively fast
Tomato – Pruden’s Purple	Early large slicer, crack resistant
Pepper – Carmen	Sweet, Large fruits, many fruits/plant
Beans – TBD??	Years later, still trialing...dark colored seeds do a little better in early plantings
Leek – Blue Solaise	Overwinters readily - something to eat in the spring!

Succession Planting

Definition: seeding and transplanting method that maximizes the harvest window of individual crops by organizing multiple plantings of that crop on specific intervals. Intervals are based on days to maturity of chosen varieties and desired yields.

- Different crops in succession**
(ex. spring lettuce replanted with green beans)
- Same crop in succession**
(ex. Plant lettuce every 2 weeks)
Requires you to know how much you need at a time, or over time
- Different crops simultaneously**
(ex. Seed lettuce next to TP tomato)
- Same crop, different varieties**
(ex. Spring Broccoli, Green Magic = 57 DTM & Imperial = 71 DTM)

Succession Intervals

Two Weeks	Four Weeks
Arugula, Beans (bush), Broccoli, Cauliflower, Corn, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce (head & leaf), Scallions, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips	Summer squash
Three Weeks	Just One Succession
Cabbage, Carrots, Cucumbers	Okra, Onions, Shallots, Parsnips, Leeks, Peas, Peppers, Potatoes, Pumpkins, Winter Squash, Tomatoes

How to plan the continuous harvest garden

Family	Crop	2020 Variety	Ideal Planting Date	Actual Planting Date	Days to Maturity	2020 Row Ft.	2020 Notes	Expected First Harvest	Actual First Harvest
Brassica	Broccoli 1	Green Magic	26-Apr		57	50		22 June	
Chenopod	Spinach 2	Molokai	3-May		25	500		28-May	
Brassica	Cabbage, spring	Red Express	4-May		55	300		28-Jun	
Aster	Chicory, Dandy 1	Italian Red Vein	4-May		25	125	TP	29-May	
Cucurbit	Cucumber 2, field	Mercury F1	9-Jun		55	100		3-Aug	
Aster	Lettuce, salad mix 3	All Star/Super Frilly	11-Jun		28	250	3R All Star, 2R Super Frilly	9-Jul	
Brassica	Arugula 12	Astro	6-Sep		21	600		27-Sep	



Tips & Tools for Garden Success

- Heat mats for starting seeds
 - Ken bar Company - Agritape
- Grow lights for starting seeds
 - Nolt's Midwest Produce Supplies
- Push Seeders
 - Earthway
- Right angle trowel
 - Johnny's Seeds
- Row Cover
 - Lots of online sources



Final Thoughts & Questions

Thank you!

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