

Vegetable Plants for Sale

This year, 2012, I am for the first time offering some few plants for the upcoming season. The plants offered are those that I have had good success producing in the High Desert, West Side Antelope Valley and are particularly hardy growing during our hot summers.

As this is a small offering of limited plants I will not be shipping any. Payment is in advance and the customer will have to come to my place to pick up their plants when ready.

Eggplants

Eggplants are used extensively in the Mediterranean region often as a substitute for meat. In our region eggplant use is uncommon but don't let that stop anyone. The most common single dish made with eggplant is eggplant parmesan. A great dip is Baba Ganesh, a type of hummus.

Eggplants thrive well in the heat but not all do as well as some. I have listed two here.

All eggplants —————\$3.75@

EG001 CASPER

Casper is a stocky, compact, early fruiting plant that produces an abundance of Japanese type 5 to 6 inch long pure white skinned and fleshed fruit. These are quick and easy to pick and use. Good for stir fries and quick meals, additions to stews and soups.

EG002 HIGH DESERT



Another bred originally from a popular hybrid. Of large variety fruits this variety has been the most reliable and hardy. A relatively large plant producing very sizable fruits, especially good for parmesan and baba ganesh. Extremely productive all season long. Easy to plant too many plants but can be frozen in various forms.

Onions

Used extensively and has been a commercial crop in our area though such farming has left the general area I live in. Obviously we have a good climate for growing onions but the right ones must be grown. Onions are mostly day sensitive and need the right daylight lengths to achieve optimum bulb size. Some few are day length neutral. I have had good fortune with three varieties, two of which I list here. I sell bunches of onion plants to be planted soon after reception.

Plant bunches of 4 doz. or more ———\$14.95

ON001 STOCKTON RED

A very popular, large, red, mild, but very flavorful slicing onion. It has a limited shelf life, but under the right conditions will store for a few months. Loves our climate and is easy to grow.

ON002 VALENCIA

A favorite among yellow onions, will become mature later than Stockton Red but is a very long lasting, storage variety, with good flavor. This is the onion that keeps on going throughout the winter months.

offspring are most unpredictable but I have yet to be disappointed by seeds from hybrids. Take a chance.

PEPPERS

Peppers tend to be hardy and will produce in harsh conditions more so than tomatoes and eggplants, all of which are in the same family. Even so some are hardier than others. In general sweet, bell types are the most difficult, while the hotter, in general, the hardier.

There are many varieties of peppers. I'm offering three.

All pepper plants — — — — — \$3.75

PR001 CALIFORNIA WONDER PS

A medium to large plant laden with large, thick, juicy peppers that mature to a bright red. Very hardy, long producing right up to frost.

PROO2 DESERT ANCHO

Derived from a very impressive hybrid of large sized fruits. Ideal shape and size for chile rellano with some moderate heat to add spice. Fairly thick skinned. Ripens to a bright red. Since this is the first generation of seeds from a hybrid the

PROO3 CAYENNE LONG SLIM

An old favorite for achieving that seriously hot flavor. A long, slim, small to moderate sized pepper turning bright red when mature. Very good dried and stored to be used when needed. Will store for three years so can be grown one year, with just a few plants, and not have to plant again for three to four years. Very productive and seriously hardy. Plant can get very tall, but like the fruit, tends to stay thin.

Tomatoes

Tomatoes are not easy to grow in our general area. I have tried many varieties and have come up with two that are exceptional here. Both are fast maturing, produce high yields on very compact, determinate plants and produce all season.

Transplant time is mid-May in general though that should be adjudged according to the location. I get late freezes in Antelope Acres more than other areas.

I recommend letting the plants grow over the ground as they will stay cooler and produce better.

Plants are — — — — — \$3.75 each.

TM001 GOLD NUGGET

An exceptional producer of very early orange cherry tomatoes, heavily loaded on a very vigorous compact plant. Sweet, low acid, easy on acid sensitive stomachs. Sets during extreme heat and right up to first frost. Great for small spaces



and easy to dry for winter use.



TM002 KEREKES COMPACT

These medium sized red tomatoes have been bred for five generations by me from a very popular com-



compact, disease resistant hybrid. What has developed are stocky, early, heavy producers of excellent tomatoes for the desert. Like many desert survivors the skin is thick, and that, here, is a good sign. Exceptional disease resistance.

TM003 CHEROKEE PURPLE

This is an indeterminate plant of which I grow just a few as this plant does well here but will become very large and bushy and needs to be pruned but should be let to roam over the ground and needs area to do so. The fruits will develop only beneath the foliage but these purplish colored tomatoes are exceptional and worth it.

