

Sweet Peppers

2016

Capsicum annuum. There are many types of sweet peppers including bell, mini-bell, Italian (Cubanelle), pimento, banana and cherry. Sweet peppers usually start out green and mature to another color. They are often eaten at the green stage when they are less sweet. Peppers are an excellent source of Vitamin A, Vitamin C, carotenoids, and lycopene, especially when allowed to ripen. Plant in a well-drained, fertile, sunny location after any danger of frost. Taller plants may need support.

‘Beaver Dam’

Type: Hungarian
Color: matures green to orange-red
Hungarian heirloom brought to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin in 1912 by the Hussli family.
Compact plants produce enormous yields of 6” horn-shaped fruit. This one has mild heat!
Use for stuffing, in goulash or pickled.
80 days.

‘Bell Boy’

Type: bell
Color: matures green to red
Blocky, 4 lobed bell pepper with thick-walls and meaty flesh. An AAS winner! 70 days.

‘Big Bertha’

Type: 4-lobed bell
Color: matures from green to red
This hybrid produces peppers that are up to 7” long and 4” wide! Peppers are thick and sweet. Plants grow to 2’ - 3’ tall. 70 days.

‘Big Red’

Type: bell
Color: matures green to red
Open-pollinated bell pepper is thick and sweet. Thrives in cooler weather! 70 days to green, 80 to red.

‘Corno Di Toro’

Type: Italian bull’s horn
Color: matures green to red
Colorful 8” long heirloom peppers are great to eat fresh, grilled or sautéed. Tall plants are prolific. 68 days to green.

‘Cute Stuff Red’

Type: mini-bell
Color: matures green to red
Prolific producer of small 3” sweet peppers – just right for snacking! Sweet and crispy. Also great stuffed! Open-pollinated. 56 days

‘Escamillo’

Type: Italian bull’s horn
Color: matures green to golden yellow
AAS winner. Large 6” long, 2” wide, meaty peppers have great flavor. 60 days to green, 80 to yellow.

‘Flavorburst’

Type: bell
Color: matures lime green to yellow
This hybrid produces 4” blocky bells. Superb flavor. Plants are 24” tall with 12” spread and produce heavy yields all summer long. 67 days to green, 87 days to red.

‘Friariello Napoletano’

Type: Italian
Color: matures green to yellow
Sweet frying pepper is long, narrow, thin-skinned. Excellent and prolific! 65 days.

‘Giant Marconi’

Type: Italian
Color: matures from green to red
AAS winner. Early hybrid produces lots of 8” long fruit on 24” tall plants. Peppers have a sweet, smoky flavor. Use when green or red in salsas, salads or fried. 72 days.

‘Jimmy Nardelo’s’

Type: Italian
Color: matures green to red
This old heirloom (brought to the US from Italy by Jimmy’ mother) is one of the best frying peppers, but also is great fresh. Slender 9” peppers are sweet and fruity. Super productive, 2’ tall plants. 85 days.

‘Lipstick’

Type: pimiento
Color: matures yellow to red
Tapered 4” fruits are sweet with thick skins. Ripens well in the north. 70 days.

‘Marconi Rosso’

Type: Italian
Color: matures green to red
Large 8” long, 3” wide sweet peppers are excellent raw, grilled or stuffed. Prolific plants. 80 days.

‘Melrose’

Type: Italian
Color: matures green to red
A superb frying pepper very popular in the Chicago area (this one was recommended by a RBG volunteer from Chicago!). Fruit are 4” long, sweet, and produce early on 18” tall plants. Eat fresh or fried! 70 days.

‘Pretty N Sweet’

Type: dwarf edible ornamental
Color: green, yellow, orange, red, purple
2015 AAS Winner. An ornamental with no heat and delicious to eat! Beautiful multi-colored 1½” long peppers grow on compact 18” plants – perfect for containers! Enjoy fresh or in pepper recipes. 60 days.

‘Quadrato Asti Giallo’

Type: bell
Color: matures green to yellow
Blocky, large 6” peppers are an Italian heirloom. Great raw or stuffed. Large plants have dense foliage and high yields. 75 days.

‘Sweet Banana’

Type: Hungarian/banana
Color: matures yellow to deep red
Large pointed peppers are 7” long and 1½” wide. Plants grow 2’ tall and 1’ wide. Sweet and mild. A favorite for pickling or eat fresh. High yields. 72 days.

‘Wisconsin Lakes’

Type: bell
Color: matures green to red
Reliable and heavy producer of 5” long peppers. Thick walled, juicy and sweet. Developed at the University of Wisconsin! Open-pollinated. 75 days.

‘Yankee Bell’

Type: bell
Color: matures green to red
Open pollinated bell for Northern growers! Blocky, 3-4 lobed peppers are smaller than hybrids, with great quality. 60 days to green, 80 days to red.