





SEEDS to SUCCESS




THE LOUISIANA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Table 1. RECOMMENDED EGGPLANT VARIETIES FOR LOUISIANA

Image	Variety Name	Description	Days to Harvest*	Harvest size
Asian				
	Calliope	Purple and white variegated, oval fruits; Indian variety (mini or mature); hybrid	64 days	Mini: 1/2"x2" long Mature: 2.5"x3-4" long
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Ichiban	Long, slim, dark purple fruits; productive Japanese variety; hybrid	50-60 days	Mature: 10" long
	Kermit	Green and white variegated; round fruits; specialty Thai variety (mini only); hybrid	60 days	Mini only: 1.5-2" diameter

	Orient Express	Long, slender, dark purple fruits; productive and early; hybrid	58 days	Mature: 1.5-2.5" x 8-10" long
	Ping Tung Long	Glossy magenta, elongated fruits; heirloom variety from Taiwan	70 days	Mature: 2" x 11" or longer
Italian				
	Black Beauty	Traditional dark purple, oval fruits; heirloom variety from Italy	65 days	Mature: 5" x 6.5" long
	Black Bell	Traditional dark purple, glossy oval fruits; early variety; very productive, adaptable hybrid	60-70 days	Mature: 4-6" long

	Classic	Traditional dark purple, glossy oval fruits; vigorous; very productive; tolerant and adaptable; good shelf life; quality hybrid	76 days	Mature: 4"x 8" long
	Dusky	Traditional dark purple, glossy oval fruits; hybrid	62 days	Mature: 5-6" long
	Nadia	Traditional dark glossy purple, oval fruits; vigorous; grows well in cooler weather; quality hybrid	67 days	Mature: 3-4" x 7-8" long
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Night Shadow	Traditional dark purple, glossy, oval fruits; adaptable; very productive hybrid	68 days	Mature: 4"x 7" long
	Rosa Bianca	Pink and white variegated; round (ribbed) heirloom variety from Italy	73 days	Mature: 5-7" x 4-6" long

	Santana	Traditional dark purple, glossy oval fruits; early variety; very productive, flavorful and tender; grows well in hot weather; hybrid	80 days	Mature: 6-8" long
Miniature only/Specialty				
	Cloud Nine	Pure white, oval fruits with white flesh; productive, flavorful, hybrid	75 days	Mature: 7" long
	Fairy Tale	Purple and white variegated, elongated, miniature fruits on compact plants; productive, flavorful hybrid	65 days	Mini only: 1"x 2-4" long

Notes: *From transplant to harvest

Table varieties selected from recommendations from LSU AgCenter, UF Extension, Texas A&M Extension, and Southeastern U.S. Vegetable Crop Handbook.

Variety descriptions and images compiled from High Mowing Organic Seeds, Johnny's Selected Seeds, Reimer Seeds, Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, Sow True Seed, Jordan Seeds, and Osborne Seed Company.

Other recommended eggplant varieties for Louisiana include:

Italian: Epic

Asian: Cambodian Green Giant