



SEEDS to SUCCESS

THE LOUISIANA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Table 1. RECOMMENDED RADISH VARIETIES FOR LOUISIANA

Image	Variety Name	Description	Days to Harvest*	Notes
Daikon				
	April Cross	Long, white cylindrical roots with white flesh; market standard for Daikon radish; crisp and sweet; hybrid	60 days	Up to 18" long (begin harvest at 8") with 2-3" diameter; slow bolting; good for winter storage
	Chinese White Winter	Long, white cylindrical roots with white flesh; crisp and pungent; Chinese heirloom variety	60 days	6-8" long; high-yielding winter storage radish
	Daikon, Miyashige, or Minowase	Cylindrical white roots, pale green near leaf; Japanese heirloom variety	50-65 days	Harvest when 12" long with 2-3" diameter (will grow larger); flavorful raw, cooked, or pickled

	Green Luobo or Green Meat	Green roots and flesh; oblong-shaped with white tips; uniform and fast growing; sweet and spicy; open-pollinated	50-55 days	6-9" long with 2-3" diameter; good for winter storage and eaten raw, cooked, or pickled
	Summer Cross or Mikura Cross	Uniform, long white roots; Japanese variety; hybrid	55 days	Up to 16" long with 2-3" diameter
Salad				
	Amethyst	Striking purple round roots with white flesh; medium tops; crisp and mild; open-pollinated	30 days	Slow to develop woody pith
	Bacchus	Rich purple, round roots; vigorous, early variety; open-pollinated	24 days	
	Black Spanish	Large black-skinned roots with white flesh; large edible tops; crisp and spicy; heirloom variety	53-55 days	3-4" or larger in diameter; great for storage

	<p>Champion</p>	<p>Bright red, round roots with large tops; productive; crisp heirloom variety</p>	<p>28 days</p>	<p>Slow to develop pith; great for cool weather</p>
	<p>Cherriette</p>	<p>Smooth and bright red roots; short tops; crisp and spicy; hybrid</p>	<p>26 days</p>	<p>Slow to develop pith</p>
	<p>Cherry Belle</p>	<p>Bright red, round roots with crunchy white flesh; sweet tasting; heirloom variety</p>	<p>24 days</p>	<p>Slow to develop pith</p>
	<p>Easter Egg</p>	<p>Colorful mix of purple, red, and white flesh; round roots; mild tasting; open-pollinated</p>	<p>24 days</p>	<p>Longer harvesting period due to multiple varieties</p>
	<p>French Breakfast</p>	<p>Bicolored (deep pink and white), oblong roots; mild and crisp; French heirloom variety</p>	<p>21-26 days</p>	<p>2-3" long; traditionally served raw with butter and salt</p>

	Ping Pong	Bright white, round roots; very productive; crisp and mild hybrid	30 days	1" diameter
	Red Satin or Red Silk	Uniform, round, bright red roots with white flesh; medium deep green tops; hybrid	22 days	Slow to develop pith; fast-growing
	Rudi	Classic round, dark red roots with white flesh; crisp, uniform, and reliable; open-pollinated	25 days	Holds longer in the field than most
	Scarlet	Bright red, round roots; uniform and high-yielding; crisp and mild heirloom variety	20-28 days	
	Shunkyo	Specialty variety from Northern China with smooth, deep pink, cylindrical roots and white flesh; hot and sweet tasting; pink-stemmed tops; crisp; open-pollinated	32-35 days	5" long; slow bolting

	Sparkler	Bicolored (magenta and white) roots with white flesh; sweet tasting heirloom variety	24 days	
	Watermelon, Red Meat, or Mantanghong	Large, round, white-skinned roots with magenta flesh; large edible tops; sweet tasting heirloom variety	50-65 days	Great for pickling and storage, 2-4" in diameter
	White Icicle	Bright white, pointed roots; mild flavored heirloom variety	27-29 days	3-6" long; best harvested small

Notes: *from seed 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, Osborne Seed Company, and Harris Seeds.

Other recommended radish varieties for Louisiana include:

Daikon: Everest or Lo Bok

Salad: Altaglobe, Cook's Custom Blend, Escala, Fuego, Red Castle