

CORN VARIETIES

for Home Gardening

The most important decision in growing corn is choosing the right type for your garden and your climate.

TYPE	STANDARD SWEET CORN (Old-Fashioned)	SUGAR-ENHANCED CORN (SE Varieties)	SUPERSWEET CORN (SH2 Varieties)
 EXAMPLES	Golden Bantam, Country Gentleman	Kandy Korn, Bodacious, Peaches and Cream	Silver Queen, Honey Select, Gourmet, Augustine
 FLAVOR & TENDERNESS	Excellent old-fashioned corn flavor. Sweet and tender.	Sweeter and more tender than standard. Holds sweetness longer.	The sweetest of all. Holds sugar content the longest after picking.
 HOLDS SWEETNESS AFTER HARVEST	Reasonably well.	Well.	Excellent – longest of all.
 GROWING REQUIREMENTS	Most forgiving. Germinates in cooler soil. Good choice for cooler climates.	More popular choice for home gardens. Performs well in most home garden conditions.	Requires warmer soil to germinate well. Less forgiving in cool, wet conditions.
 SPECIAL NOTES	Best choice for cool springs and shorter seasons.	Reliable and productive in the Willamette Valley and similar climates.	Must be isolated from other corn varieties. Cross-pollination from standard or SE corn makes ears starchy.



GARDENING TIPS

- For the Willamette Valley and similar Pacific Northwest climates with cool springs, choose standard or sugar-enhanced varieties.
- Shorter-season varieties (under 75 days) are best for areas with cool summers or short growing seasons.
- Plant in blocks (4 or more short rows) for best pollination and fullest ears.



POPCORN & DECORATIVE INDIAN CORN

Popcorn and decorative Indian corn are also worth growing if you have the space.

They are grown the same way as sweet corn but harvested at full maturity rather than in the milk stage.



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