



All-America Selections Announces Additional Winners

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Just in time for the 2014 gardening season, All-America Selections (AAS) is pleased to present eight more AAS Winners that proved themselves to be superior garden performers. With the addition of these eight winners, we have a grand total of nineteen winners for the 2014 gardening season, the most AAS Winners announced in one year since the first winners were announced in our first decade of existence in the 30's and 40's.

Both growers and retailers will want to offer the following National and Regional Winners to fulfill customer requests.

The four newest Regional Winners are:

Cucumber Saladmore Bush F1
Eggplant Patio Baby F1
Pepper Giant Ristra F1
Radish Rivoli

The four newest National Winners are:

Angelonia Serenita™ Pink F1
Impatiens, New Guinea Florific™ Sweet Orange F1

A seed source list for those wishing to purchase recent AAS Winner seeds can be found [here](#): (Please allow several weeks for seed sources of the AAS Winners in this announcement to appear.)

A complete list of trial grounds and judges can be found [here](#):

A list of all AAS Winners since 1932 can be found [here](#) and is now sortable by National or Regional Winners.



Cucumber Saladmore Bush F1

AAS Regional Edible Winner (Southeast)

Saladmore Cucumber boasts a bush-type growth habit making this AAS Winner perfect for growing in container gardens. Anyone looking for a good slicing type cucumber with dark green skin and long straight fruits will enjoy this beauty, along with its superior taste and texture; a perfect reflection of summer's bounty. An added bonus is the disease resistance that proved to be especially valuable in warmer climates where comparison varieties easily succumbed to late season diseases.

Bred by Seeds By Design

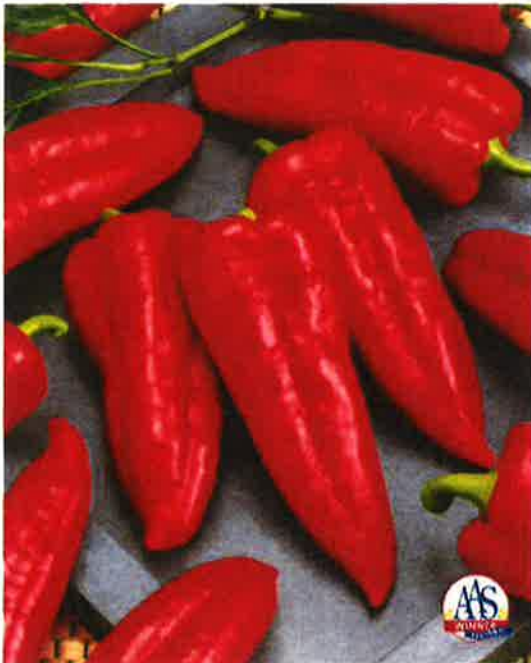
Eggplant Patio Baby F1

AAS Regional Edible Winner (Northeast)

Two things judge after judge brought up about this eggplant: 1) This entry produced such an attractive plant that it could be used as both an ornamental and an edible and 2) It is a perfect plant for container gardens. Patio Baby is indeed compact at less than 24" mature height, and yet it produces a prolific number of small 2-3" teardrop shaped glossy purple-black fruits. And of course, taste is a top priority in the AAS Trials and judges agreed that the taste was excellent, noting it was less bitter than the comparison

varieties. Several northern judges were extremely pleased that Patio Baby grew so well in their conditions and was earlier to harvest by about a week, which is important when the gardening season is shorter.

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Pepper Giant Ristra F1

AAS Regional Edible Winner (Mountain/Southwest)

Talk about versatility! Giant Ristra looks like a red Marconi pepper but has the heat of a cayenne. The texture and heat (hot, but not too hot) of this pepper makes it an excellent eating variety while it can also be dried and used in dishes for up to one year. Should you choose to use the peppers for a decoration, they can be used to make a beautiful ristra of dried peppers.

In the mountain and southern trial gardens, Ristra produced an exceptionally high yield of uniformly shaped peppers on attractive plants which judges reported were very easy to grow.

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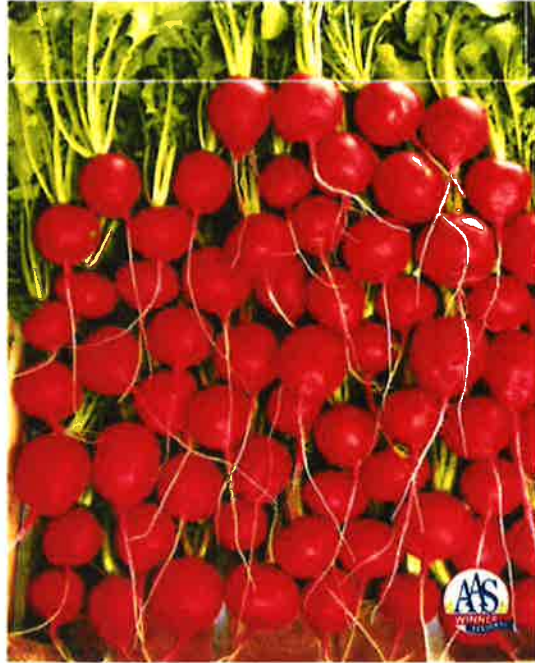
Radish Rivoli

AAS Regional Edible Winner (Southeast, Heartland, West/Northwest)

Rivoli earned the judges' favor by producing a very

large, uniformly-sized root with a bright red exterior and an exceptionally smooth, clear white interior. Unique to most radishes, Rivoli holds well and does not get pithy or woody, even under stress. All these attributes combined mean a tasty, sweet, crisp radish that also matures earlier than the comparisons. A helpful tip from the AAS judges is to space Rivoli further apart than normal radishes since roots are much larger.

Bred by North Carolina State University, produced by Bejo Seeds



Angelonia Serenita™ Pink F1
AAS National Flower Winner

Serenita is a compact, tough little angelonia ideal for very hot/humid temperatures like in southern areas but it does great in northern gardens too. This Serenita variety features a unique deep pink flower, not usually seen in angelonias. The AAS Judges praised this entry for being drought and heat-tolerant while continuing to produce a large number of flowers all season long.

Commercial growers should note that this is a new color for the Serenita series that require fewer PGRs to produce plants that are 2" shorter in the greenhouse, and can be up to 5" shorter in the garden.

Bred by PanAmerican Seed

Impatiens New Guinea Florific™ Sweet Orange
F1
AAS National Bedding Plant Winner

Huge 2" blooms in beautiful shades of light orange against dark green foliage create a giant impact in the garden, especially in shade or semi-shaded areas where color is needed. The natural disease tolerance of a New Guinea Impatiens is a welcome addition to a plant that boasts such beautiful flowers on a compact plant perfect for small space gardens.

Commercial growers now have an alternative to vegetative New Guinea Impatiens and one that needs fewer PGRs to keep this beauty compact and tidy.

Bred by Syngenta Flowers



**Ornamental Pepper NuMex Easter
AAS National Bedding Plant Winner**

You know the AAS judges were impressed when the scores sheets read like this: "Exceptional plant. Love this little pepper! Striking color! Eye-catching! So easy to grow! Loaded with pepper fruits in fun colors. A favorite of garden visitors!" NuMex Easter is a very compact plant, growing to only 6" high but packs quite a punch in such a small package. Beautiful purple, yellow and orange conical fruits pop up above the foliage for a great display of color.

Commercial growers will appreciate the shorter crop time for NuMex which results in earlier blooms on a very compact, well-branched and uniform plant with fantastic fruit coloration. Judges familiar with the bedding plant market think this is the first real ornamental pepper for bedding plant growers.

Bred by The Chili Pepper Institute at New Mexico State University

Osteospermum Akila(R) Daisy White F1
AAS National Bedding Plant Winner

White osteospermums are not unique but a clear white osteo with a yellow center is a novelty, plus, it's easily grown from seed. Akila® Daisy White is a tidy, uniform plant with open flowers that produces non-stop blooms all summer long. Even southern judges praised Akila's ability to keep blooming in the heat and they also showed more drought tolerance than other osteos.

Daisy White is part of the Akila series and boasts the same great greenhouse performance as the other colors in the series, none of which need pinching or vernalization.

Bred by PanAmerican Seed



Other recently announced AAS Winners:

National Winners:

Petunia African Sunset F1
Pepper Mama Mia Gaillo F1
Tomato Chef's Choice Orange F1
Tomato Fantastico F1
Gaura Sparkle White
Bean Mascotte
Zinnia Profusion Double Hot Cherry
Zinnia Profusion Double Deep Salmon

Regional Winners:

Sunflower Suntastic Yellow with Black Center
Cucumber Pick-A-Bushel F1
Penstemon Arabesque Red F1
Pumpkin Cinderella's Carriage F1
Tomato Mountain Merit F1

All-America Selections® was founded in 1932 and continues as the oldest independent testing organization in North America. Every year, new, never-before-sold varieties are trialed in our Trial Grounds and professional horticulturists determine which varieties will be deemed winners based on their garden performance. AAS relies upon a public relations program to inform gardeners about AAS National and Regional Winners that are announced three times each year.